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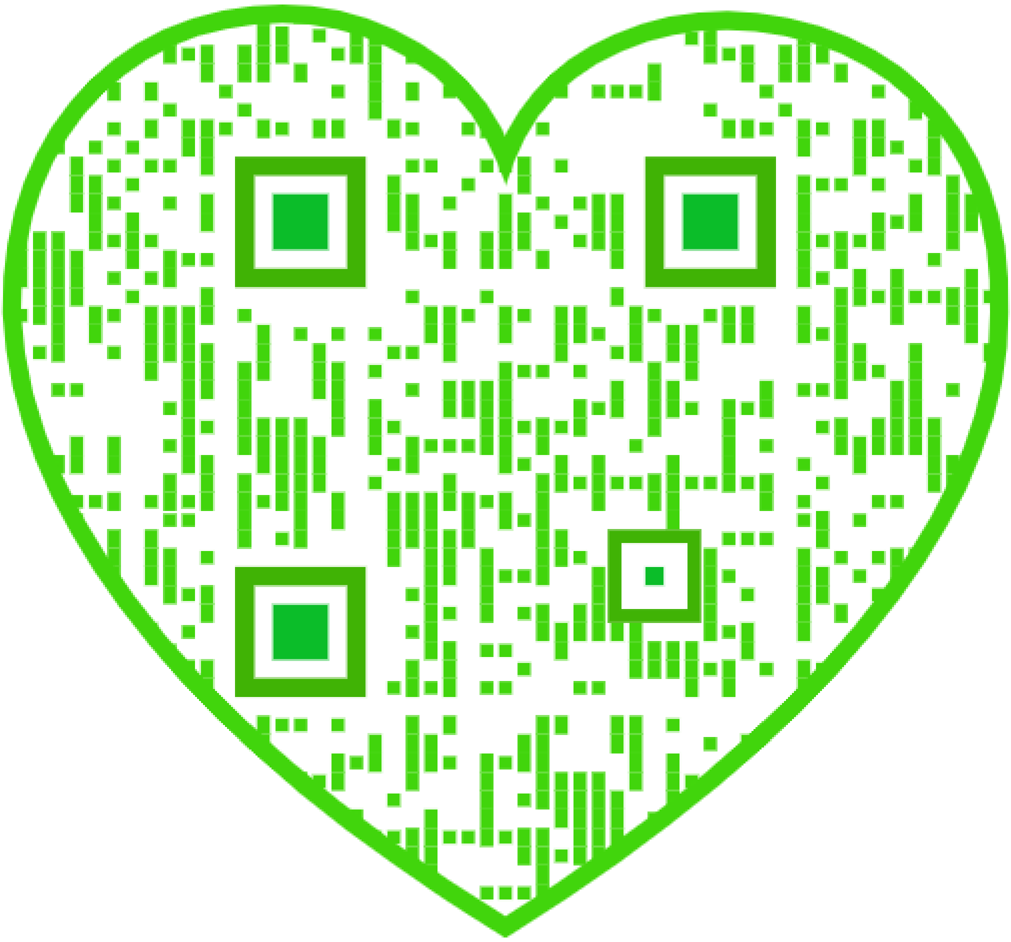

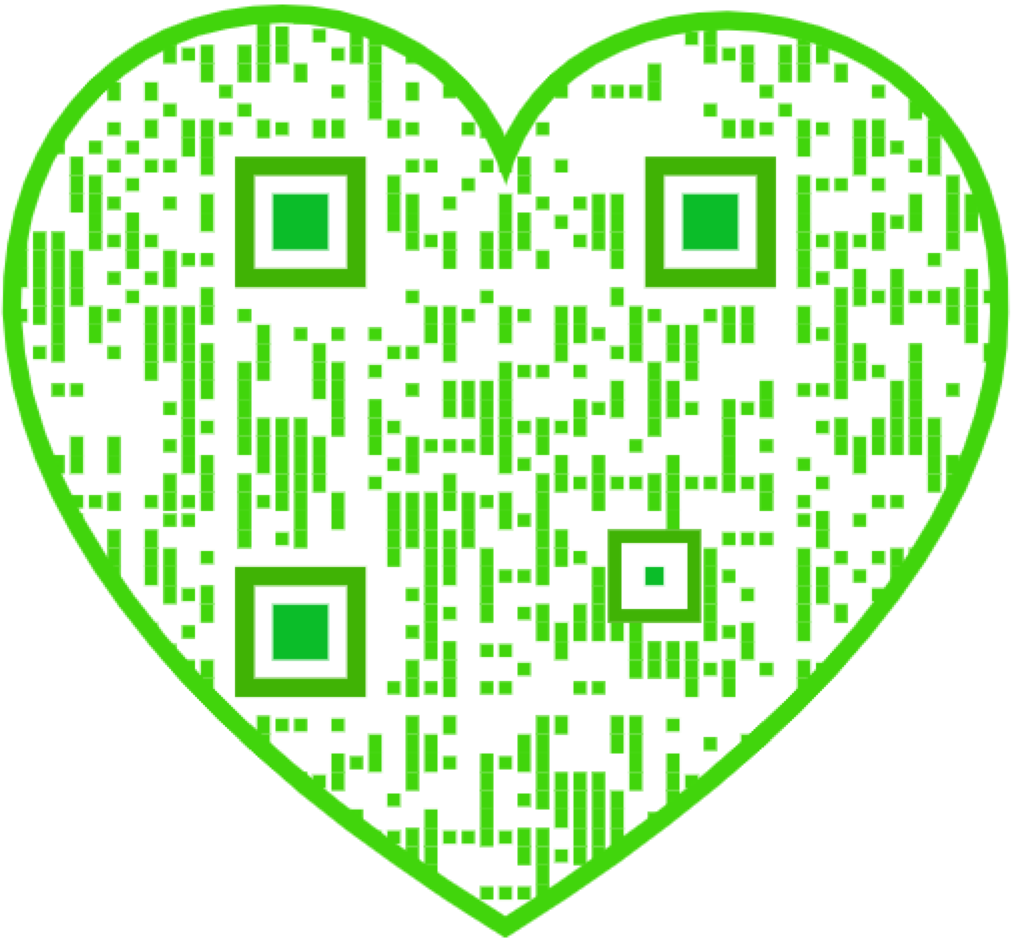

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They say the kitchen is the heart of the home and I couldn't agree more. It's where family and friends gather, where meals turn into memories, and where design meets everyday function. Whether you're whipping up a quick breakfast or hosting a dinner party, a well-designed kitchen makes all the difference.

In this special kitchen issue, we're bringing you a mix of inspiration, expert renovation advice, and mouthwatering recipes to help you make the most of your space. From layout planning to choosing the perfect finishes, we'll explore the details that transform a kitchen from purely practical to effortlessly stylish.

Recently, Mandy and I wrapped up our third build for The Marc and Mandy Show, and let me tell you, this kitchen was a showstopper. We embraced a sleek, modern aesthetic with dual-tone cabinetry, pairing matte gray Helios lowers with soft white Athena uppers from Rona+. A statement-making 10-foot island with a waterfall-edge porcelain countertop from Ciot became the centerpiece of the space, proving that function and beauty go hand in hand.

One of our favorite features? The Galley Workspace from Euro-Line Appliances—a double-faucet sink system that redefines efficiency and makes cooking (and cleanup!) a breeze. It's the kind of smart design that turns an everyday kitchen into a dream space.

Whether you're planning a full renovation, making small upgrades, or just looking for new recipes to test out, we've packed this issue with everything you need to create a kitchen that works for you. After all, a great kitchen isn't just about style. It's about the memories you create in it.

Happy designing and happy cooking!

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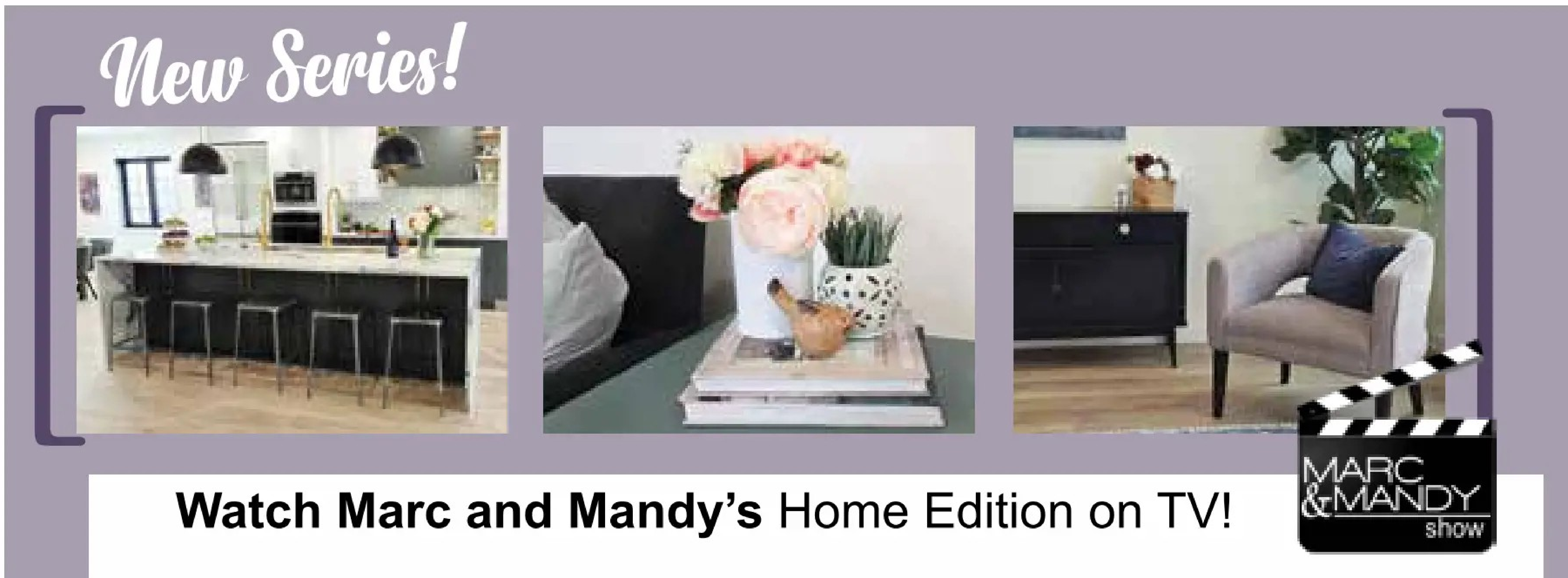
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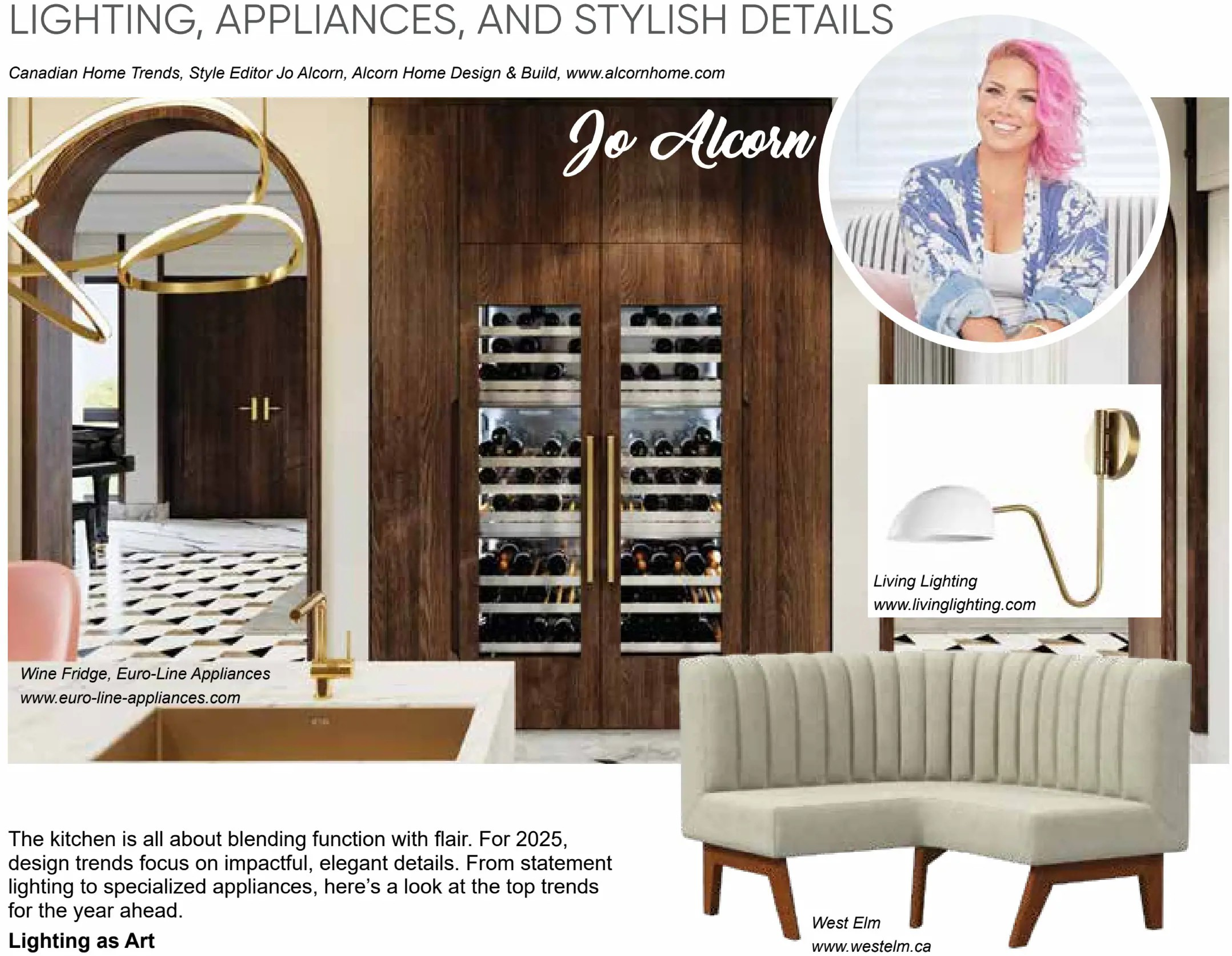

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The kitchen is all about blending function with flair. For 2025, design trends focus on impactful, elegant details. From statement lighting to specialized appliances, here's a look at the top trends for the year ahead.

Lighting as Art

Lighting is both functional and artistic in 2025. Fixtures like minimalist light pendants or sleek short pendants bring modern sophistication. Wall sconces offer style and practicality with a refined glow.

Wine Fridges: A Touch of Elegance

Integrated wine fridges, like those from Euro-Line Appliances, offer both practicality and sophistication, keeping your collection at the perfect temperature.

Banquette Seating: Cozy & Comfortable

Banquette seating is making its way into kitchens, offering both warmth and space-saving charm. The Novak Banquette from West Elm is a stylish example of this cozy trend.

The Coffee Bar Trend

A dedicated coffee bar, as seen in the Bayberry Project's modern farmhouse kitchen by Alcorn Home Design & Build, adds luxury and convenience to your space, making your kitchen a place to savor your morning brew or entertain guests.

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COLOR DRENCHING

A 2025 DESIGN TREND WE LOVE

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TR25-3-3

What is Color Drenching?

This paint technique has been popular in Europe for many years and is now making waves here in Canada as well. The trend involves painting walls, ceilings, and even trim in the same hue to create a cohesive and immersive environment.

Using a Bold Color

Contrary to the common misconception that darker colors can make a space feel smaller, using rich colors can actually open up a room, providing a sense of depth and comfort. Midnight Flora, BeautiTone's 2025 Color of the Year, is a great example. Its unique blend of red and blue hues allows it to harmonize with a variety of design elements, making it an ideal choice for those looking to create a cozy yet sophisticated atmosphere. Additionally, including your ceilings when color drenching results in a space with no visible stopping point which is a great way to make a room with lower ceilings feel larger.

Editing Your Space

Sometimes less is more. Color drenching allows the bold color to be a feature in the space. Rather than overwhelming a room with excessive decor, simplify and curate your belongings to complement the paint color. By thoughtfully selecting complementary colors and textures, such as pairing a gray sofa with taupe and brown accessories, you can create a harmonious and inviting space.

DESIGN TIPS

For the last decade or so, grey has been everywhere. Chances are, you own a number of pieces in grey colors. The great news is that you don't have to toss those items! When redesigning a space, you can often work around your existing pieces to create a new, updated look. In this space, we used the existing grey sofa and added bold color to the walls. We then brought in taupes and browns in some of the accessories and side tables for warmth and a few metallic pieces for a hint of luxury. The result is a beautiful room with an updated, designer feel!

Don't be afraid to mix and match design styles. Here, the deep, regal color of the walls and the soft velvet texture of the sofa provide glam while natural wood pieces and plants bring in a more natural style. The combination or glam and natural creates a more dynamic look to the overall space.

COLOR PALETTE

Not sure you're ready to jump on the color drenching band wagon but want to try Midnight Flora for yourself? Here are two color palettes we love!

Midnight Flora TR25-3-3	Stillness TR25-2-3

Play up the rich, majestic feel of Midnight Flora by pairing it with Stillness, a beautiful blue-green shade that complements perfectly!

Midnight Flora TR25-3-3	Bloom TR25-4-4	Afterglow TR25-5-1

For a softer, cozy vibe, pair Midnight Flora with Bloom and Afterglow. This would be a beautiful combination for bedrooms and sitting areas!

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Diamonds are a … light fixtures best friend! The design of this aged brass chandelier is simple and yet stunningly dramatic. It adds eye catching glamour while still maintaining an elegant, sophisticated style. We think this would look stunning over a dining table or in a front entrance.
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We love BeautiTone's Midnight Flora for its rich, deep hue that adds sophistication and warmth to any room. Its elegant blend of cool tones and subtle depth creates a calming, inviting atmosphere.
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The Louisa accent chair can be customized in a variety of fabrics but we love this combination of brushed brass and black leatherette. This creates an elegant style with the perfect touch of luxury.
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A dining table takes up the largest amount of space in a room and it should make a statement! We think the leg design of this CARY collection table does exactly that, making it a unique, eye-catching centerpiece in the room.
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There is nothing better than a beautiful show piece highlighting a favorite hobby! This solid maple cribbage board is modeled with the actual topography of Lake Louise in beautiful Alberta, making it great for playing and displaying!
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functional WARM addition

When a family in Toronto's Leaside neighborhood set out to expand their 1930s home, their goal was clear: create a space that feels effortlessly modern yet warm and classic. Enter Nina Fant of Nina Fant Architect, who helped transform the home with a two-story rear addition that seamlessly integrates new and old.

"The biggest challenge was finding the perfect flow for the main floor," says Fant. "After several designs, we landed on a concept where the kitchen became the true heart of the home, with an elegant archway leading to the dining room on one side and an open connection to the family room on the other." To ensure the kitchen remained light-filled, expansive windows were incorporated into the family room to allow natural light to flood through.

One of the kitchen's standout features is its unexpected square island. "Most islands are rectangular, but given the unique shape of the space, a square layout maximized functionality," Fant explains. "It gives us three sides of usable cabinetry, which the homeowners love." The cabinetry itself balances modern minimalism with timeless appeal, featuring a slim 1/4" shaker profile finished in Benjamin Moore's Balboa Mist. A natural white oak island ties in seamlessly with the

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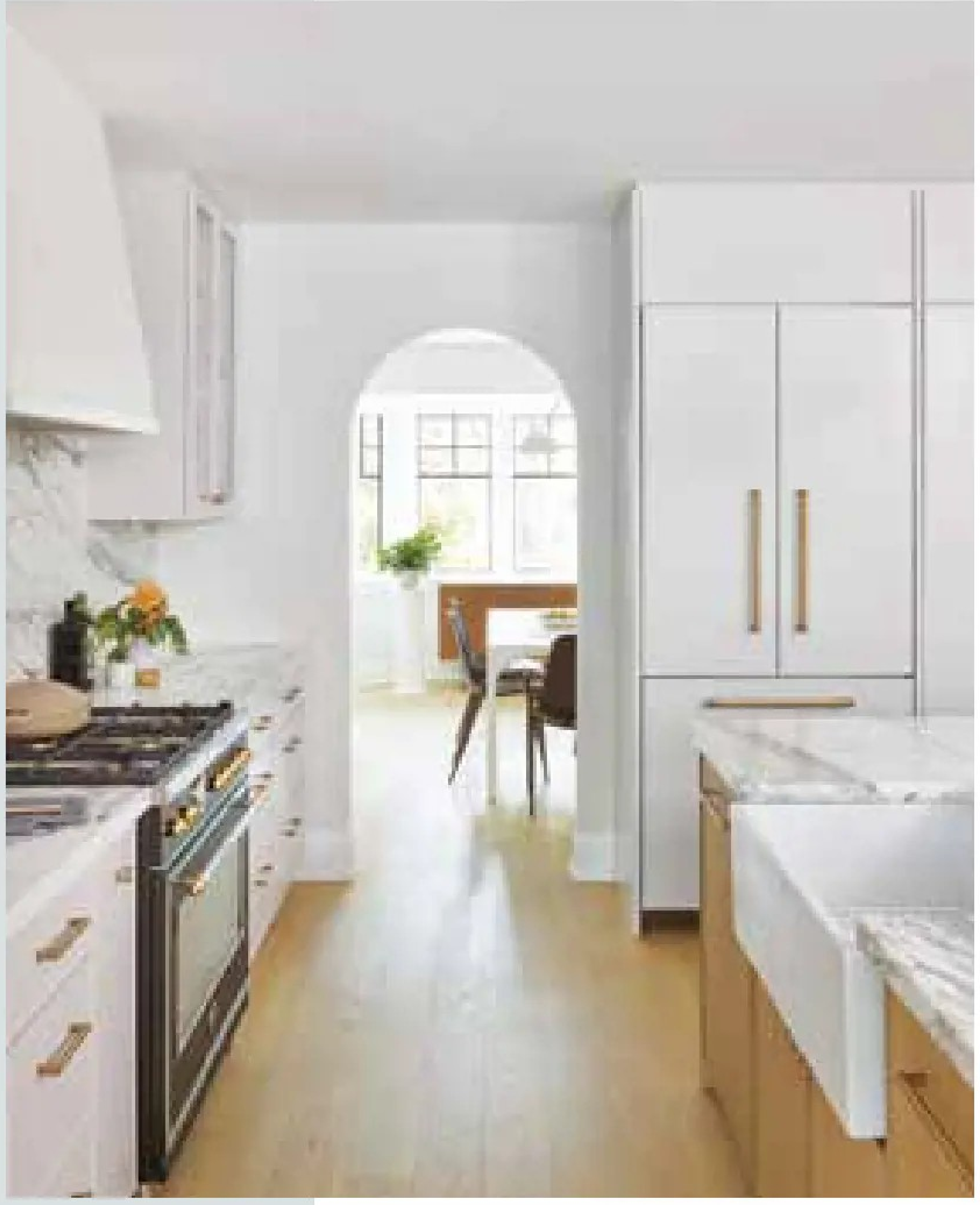

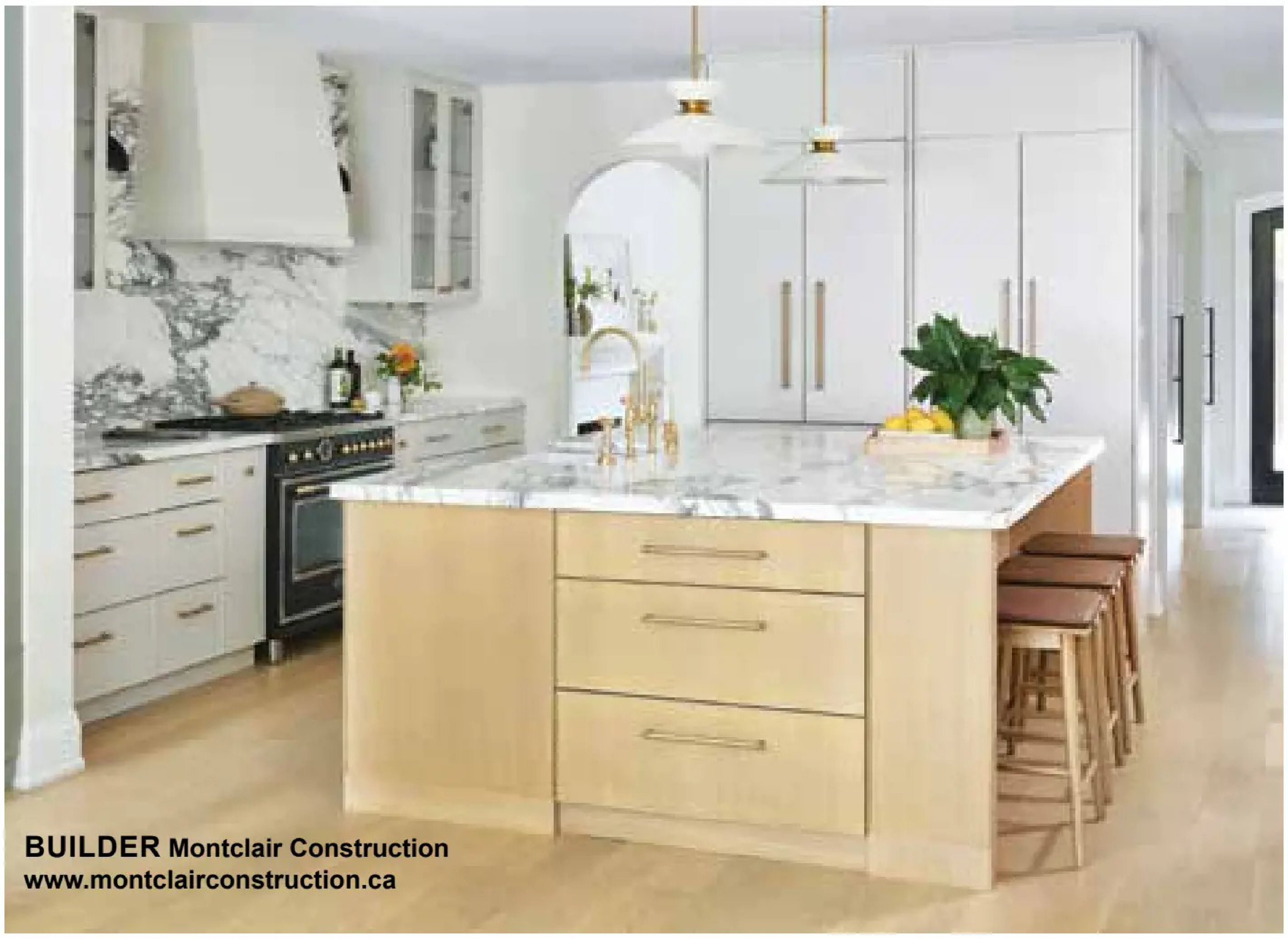

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hardwood floors, lending warmth to the space.

To maintain a sense of balance, tall millwork elements like the fridge and pantry were grouped together, each concealed behind custom panels for a streamlined look. The kitchen's statement Corchia marble—used for both the island countertop and backsplash—adds a touch of luxury with its creamy white base and striking gray and taupe veining. "It's the real showstopper," says Fant. "The movement in the stone brings so much character."

Every element was thoughtfully curated for both beauty and function. A Venetian plaster range hood lends a timeless, artisanal quality, flanked by black sconces that tie in with the Bertazzoni Heritage Series range in Nero Matt finish. A farmhouse sink with antique brass fixtures adds vintage charm. Hidden storage solutions—including pull-out cabinets for oils and spices, a built-in garbage and recycling system, and a discreet beverage center—ensure the kitchen works as beautifully as it looks.

The homeowners couldn't be happier with the result. "All the custom functional elements have been game-changers for us as a family," they share. "We love that the kitchen is truly the hub of the space. We can see the kids playing while we cook, and when we entertain, everyone naturally gathers here."

With a design that's both stylish and deeply practical, this Leaside renovation proves that a well-planned addition can bring not just more space, but also a whole new sense of harmony to a home.

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UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF GREAT DESIGN

Designing and building a custom home is an exciting venture, but it requires careful planning and attention to detail. Several critical factors can significantly impact both the cost and efficiency of your project. By considering these aspects early in the process, you can ensure that your dream home is not only functional but also cost-effective. Below are the most important elements to focus on when working with your designer and builder.

1. Space Planning: Is the Layout Right for You?

The first consideration in any custom home design is the layout. A thoughtful and efficient floor plan ensures that every room serves its purpose while also enhancing the flow of the home. It's important to ask whether the design provides enough space for your needs, both now and in the future. Adequate space planning goes beyond square footage; it's about ensuring rooms are appropriately sized and arranged for maximum function and comfort.

For example, the placement of bedrooms, bathrooms, and common areas should consider privacy, accessibility, and lifestyle needs. A designer should also factor in future flexibility - whether it's the potential for additional family members or the need for adaptable spaces as your life changes. Proper space planning at the outset will prevent costly redesigns and ensure the home suits your needs over time.

2. The Detail of the Drawings: Are They Comprehensive?

Thorough, detailed drawings are essential to a smooth and efficient construction process. Well-prepared plans provide clear instructions for builders and contractors, reducing the likelihood of confusion or errors that could lead to delays and extra costs.

When assessing the design, ensure that the drawings include all necessary details, from structural elements to material specifications. Inadequate plans can lead to costly changes or misinterpretations during construction, so it's vital that your builder has a clear understanding of what's required. Well-detailed drawings also help ensure that your builder can complete the project efficiently, minimizing time and costs.

3. Coordination with Consultants: Will Everything Work Together?

Designing a custom home involves more than just the architect's input. Your designer must work closely with other specialists, such as structural engineers, mechanical engineers, and landscape architects, to ensure that all aspects of the home fit together seamlessly.

For example, your designer should coordinate with the structural engineer to confirm that the design aligns with the foundation and framing plans. Similarly, the mechanical engineer must ensure that HVAC systems and plumbing fit within the design's constraints. Proper collaboration between all consultants reduces the risk of costly problems down the line and ensures that the design works cohesively across all disciplines.

4. Maximizing Efficiency to Recover Design Costs

An experienced designer can help offset the cost of the design by ensuring that the construction process is efficient. By suggesting cost-effective materials, simplifying complex elements, or employing efficient construction techniques, your designer can help minimize overall expenses. Smart design decisions can not only reduce the immediate cost of construction but also improve energy efficiency and reduce future maintenance costs.

Moreover, a designer who focuses on construction efficiency ensures that your investment in design translates into a well-built home that is both beautiful and practical. This helps recover your design costs in the long run, making the process financially rewarding.

Designing and building a custom home is a significant undertaking, but by focusing on these key elements, you can ensure that your project runs smoothly and remains within budget. From space planning to drawing details, coordination with consultants, and ensuring efficient construction, addressing these considerations early will lead to a successful and cost-effective outcome. A skilled designer who considers all of these factors will ensure that your custom home meets your needs and exceeds your expectations.

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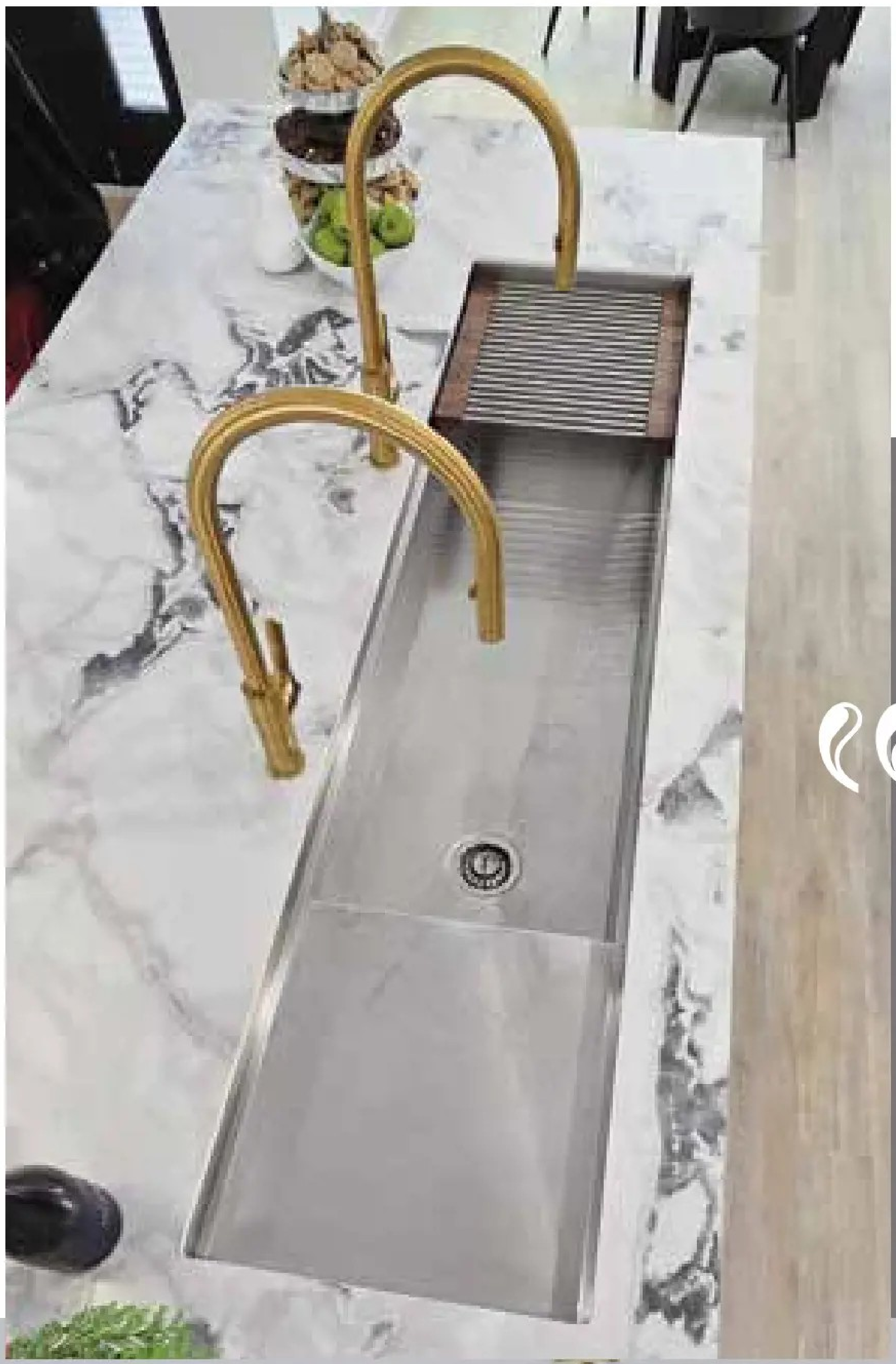
RENOVATORS to builders

For years, Marc and Mandy swore they would never build from scratch. Renovating was their wheel house. Everything changed when the opportunity arose to build their dream family cottage. The following year, they decided to build their dream home in the country. The building bug had bitten, and they fell in love with the process. This year, they're taking everything they've learned and launching a new adventure: building a spec home with their own construction company.

The first steps to creating a cozy home involve many of the things you don't see; a strong foundation, excellent insulation and the like. With the help of Joe and his team from Access Framing, they poured the footings and laid Superform ICF blocks—an industry leader in foundation materials—ensuring the home would be warm, strong, and energy efficient. To fill the ICF blocks, Agassiz Concrete Pumping made quick work of delivering concrete exactly where it was needed, navigating the soft ground with ease.

Next, Marc and Mandy turned to their go-to lumber supplier, RONA+, for all the framing materials. Everything was delivered straight to the site, making the process seamless. Marc and Joe got to work, framing the floors and walls, and installing the trusses. The home features Berdick Windows and Doors for increased energy efficiency which beautifully compliment the stunning James Hardie siding in Mountain Sage from DOMAN. This rich green hue blends beautifully with the surrounding landscape. Fusion Stone's Bay Stone accents in Barrow added rugged texture, giving the exterior a sophisticated yet natural feel. For the decks, Regal Ideas' white railing with glass inserts provided a polished touch while keeping sight lines open to take full advantage of breathtaking views. Integrity Roofing installed BP Canada's Signature Collection shingles, giving the home a durable and polished finish.

To keep things cozy and quiet, the house was insulated with premium Johns Manville insulation. James Fulcher from Johns Manville suggested additional insulation in key areas—between the laundry room, ensuite, and primary bedroom—to reduce noise, an idea Marc and Mandy loved. Then, Marc and Mandy collaborated with Chad from Get Wired to map out the home's electrical plan, ensuring convenience and efficiency. At the same time, Marc's longtime friend, Serge, took on the plumbing rough-ins, while Myles and his team from Air Masters Mechanical



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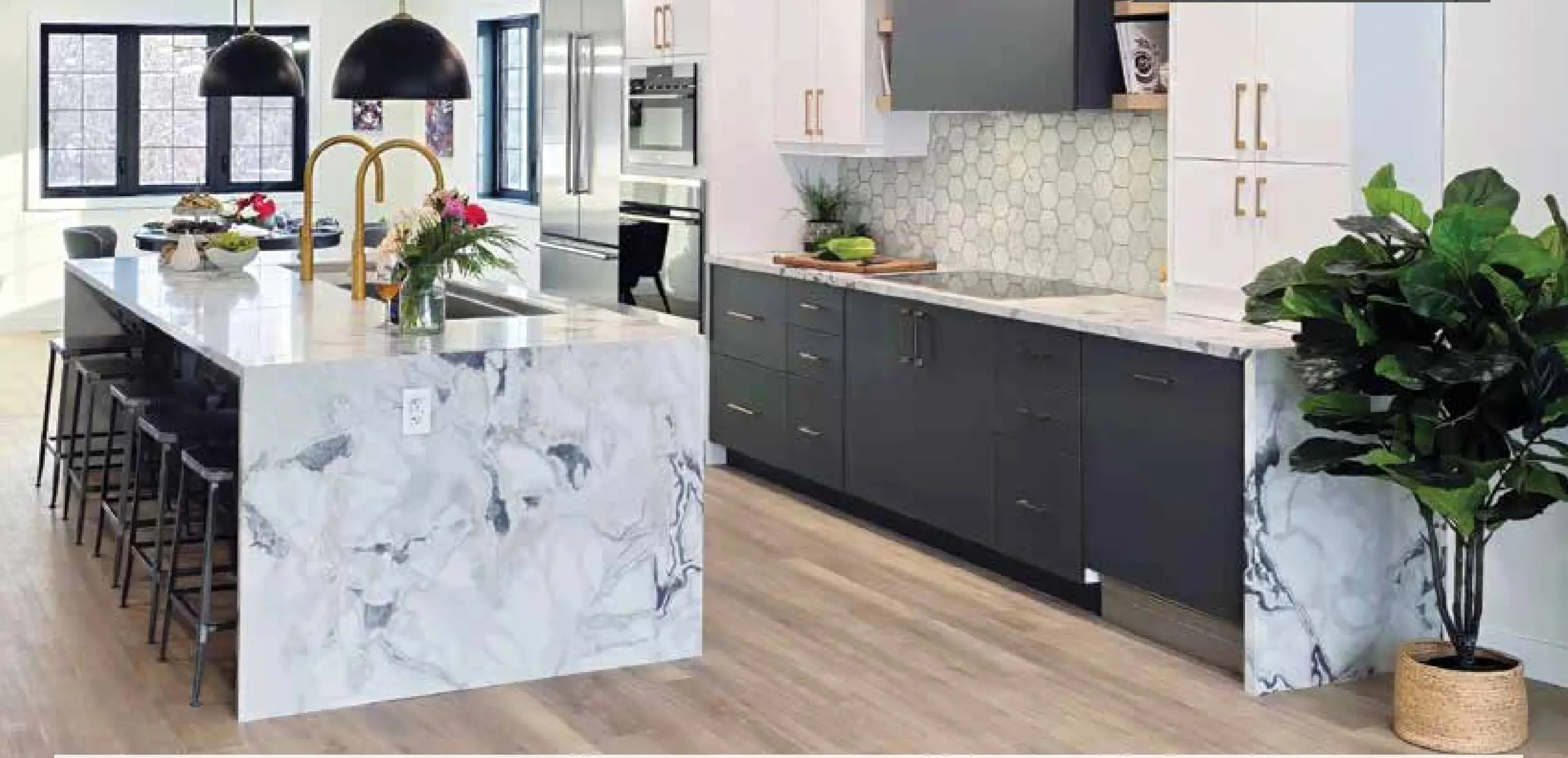

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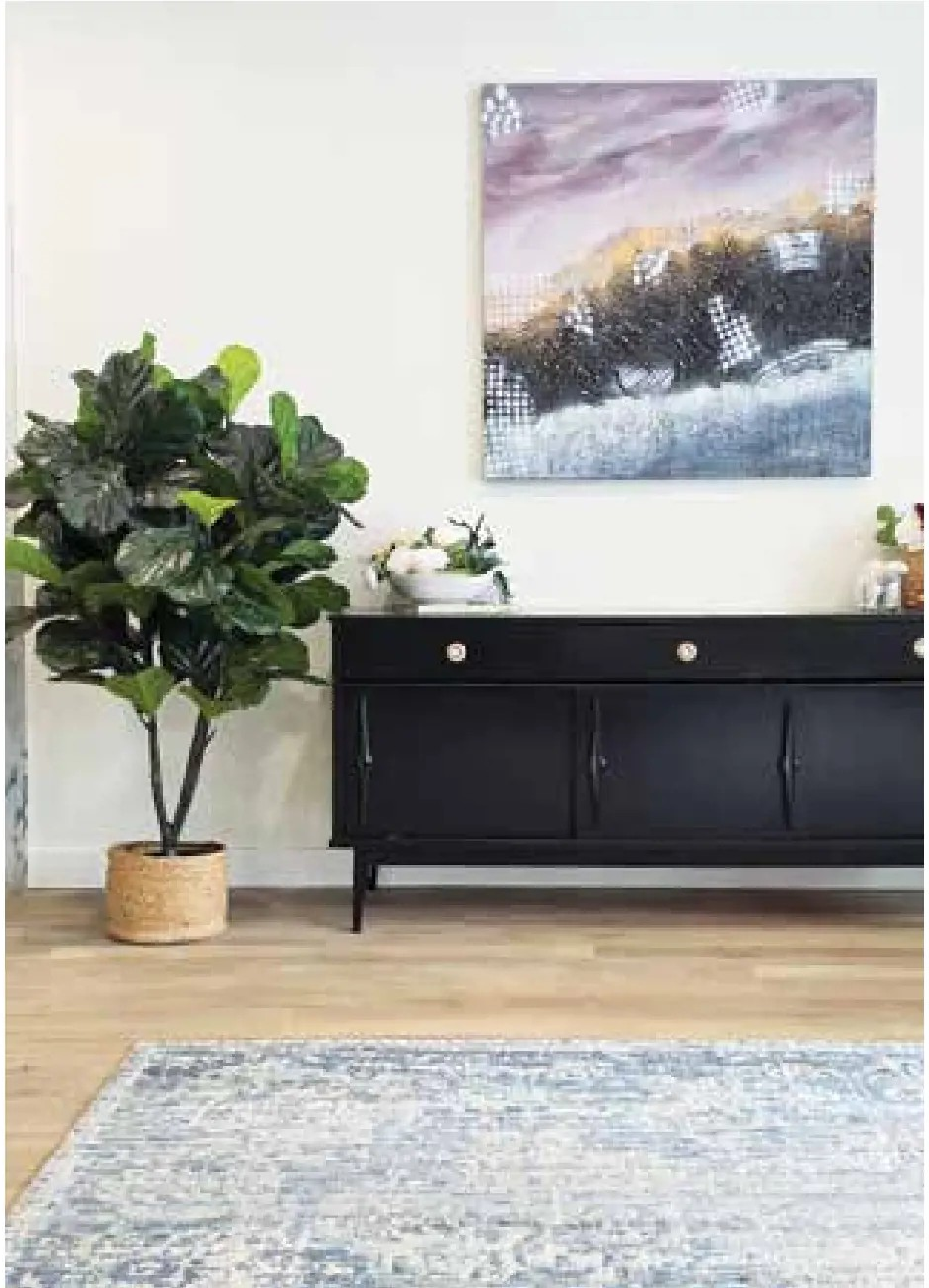
tackled the ductwork. The Master Group delivered a high-performance York heat pump just in time, guaranteeing year-round comfort. Finally, CGC Drywall delivered everything needed for boarding, taping, and mudding, while the experts at Tall Pines Drywall made quick work of finishing the walls to perfection. Mandy even jumped in to help tape the loft! The home was now ready for all the interior design details that really bring the vision to life!

To create the base for the interior design of the home, Marc and Mandy selected Sherwin-Williams' Designer Collection for the perfect paint colors, adding warmth and depth to every room. This was complimented by a stunning Beaulieu Tidal Nature Collection – Fairhaven LVP flooring from Foremost Floors that flows seamlessly throughout the home, offering both beauty and durability with its temperature-resistant, scratch-resistant properties and easy click-together installation system that required no acclimation.

When you enter the home, you are greeted by a gourmet kitchen, the focal point of this open concept space that includes the kitchen, living room and dining area. In the kitchen, functionality meets style with Landon & Co. BELLINA cabinetry, available exclusively at RONA+, in a mix of dark gray Helios base cabinets and matte white Athena uppers, all featuring soft-close doors and drawers. Champagne bronze handles from Richelieu add a touch of elegance. The countertops, sourced from CIOT, are Neolith Classtone Whitehaven porcelain—stunning, non-porous, and virtually indestructible—installed flawlessly by Carrara Tile & Marble Ltd. Euro-Line Appliances supplied a full suite of high-performance appliances, including a 30" built-in oven with SteamAssist, an AEG Speed Oven with combination microwave/convection cooking, an induction cooktop, a refrigerator-freezer with BioFresh Technology, and a fully integrated dishwasher that runs at a whisper-quiet 42 dB. The kitchen is further elevated by The Galley's Ideal Workstation 5S prep station, complete with a black walnut cutting board and space for two Galley Taps, making meal prep effortless. This flexible solution turns the island into a complete workspace that can be adjusted and modified to accommodate daily activities, entertaining and so much more! To finish the space, oversized black-and-gold pendants from RONA+ illuminate the kitchen, while hexagonal marble tiles with silver grout add visual interest.

Off the kitchen you will find a dining room with large windows offering plenty of natural light and a stunning chandelier from RONA+ over the dining table. On the other side of the island, the living space faces the back of the home with beautiful views and large double patio doors leading to an oversized deck overlooking the backyard.



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The Kohler Veil one-piece smart toilet combines sleek, minimalist design with advanced features like a heated seat, nightlight, hands-free operation, and pump-assisted flushing. A touchscreen remote ensures easy control, while an emergency backup flush adds peace of mind. It's a blend of style and comfort that elevates your bathroom experience.

The main floor features a full bathroom by TAPS, a Wolseley Showroom, designed to be simple and sophisticated with a floating Enviro vanity, an Essential Rectangular Mirror, and a Corbelle Tall Two-piece Toilet with a skirted trapway for easy cleaning. The rain shower head from Kohler's Awaken collection delivers a full drenching rain experience with angled nozzles. Crue One-Light Sconces by Kohler cast the perfect glow over the room. The ensuite, also outfitted by TAPS, is a luxurious retreat, featuring a Southerk vanity with gold hardware, a sleek Veil One-Piece Smart Toilet with tankless design and integrated personal cleansing, and a curbless shower equipped with the SpaViva hand shower with MicroBubble technology—designed for a truly spa-like experience. A BGL Essential Round Mirror and Purist One-Light Sconces complete the sophisticated look.

Finally, to give space for a growing family, a loft area above the garage was used to create a family rec room where children can play and families can gather for game nights, movie nights and more.

Marc and Mandy's journey was filled with lessons, challenges, and triumphs that resulted in a warm and welcoming modern home with a bit of country flair, and with their next project already on the horizon, it's clear their love for building—despite their initial doubts—has only just begun.

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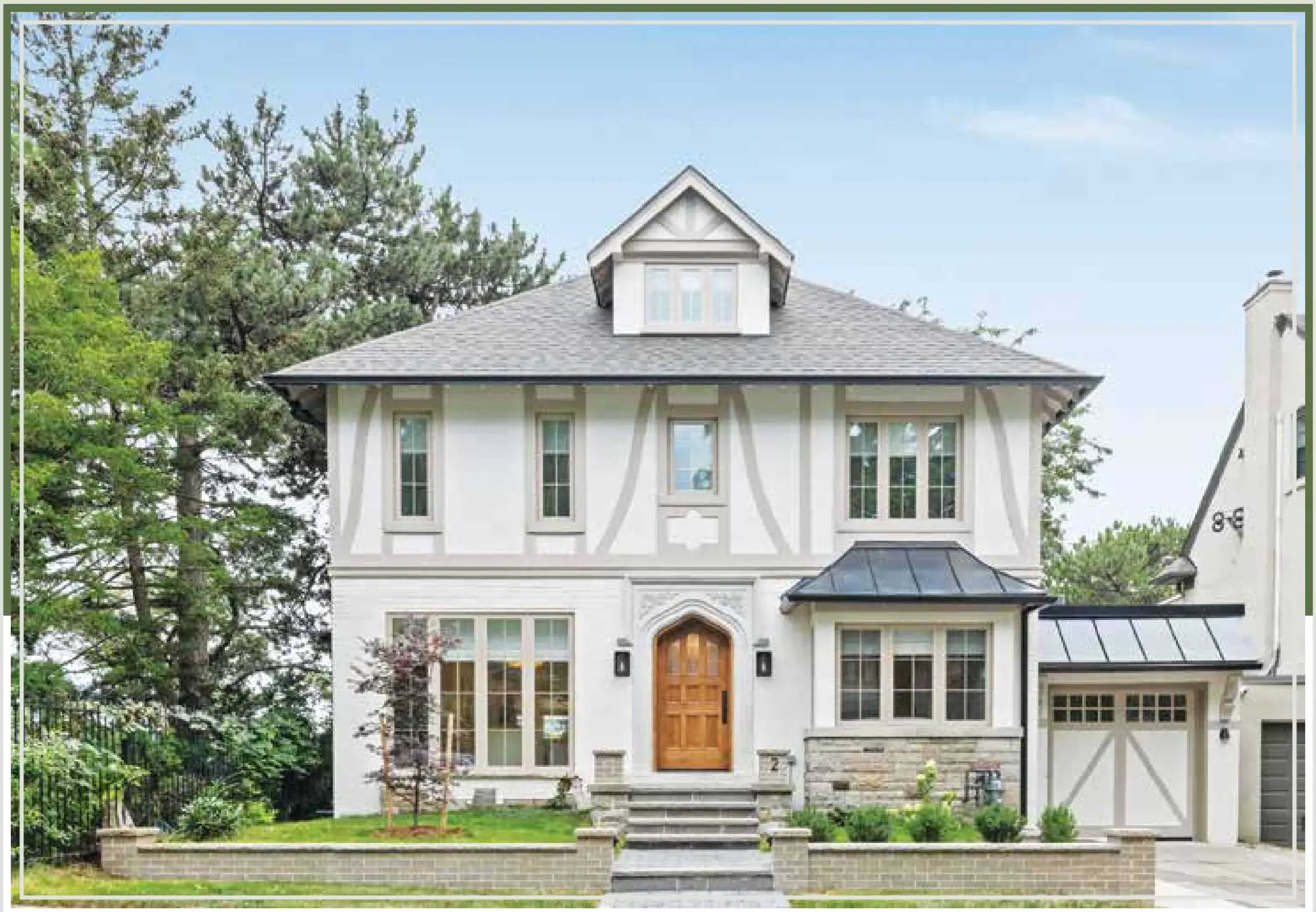


Timeless Tudor Reimagined

Tucked at the end of a quiet street, this Tudor home has been reimagined with a perfect balance of historic charm and modern elegance. Inspired by its serene surroundings, the redesign embraces calm and tranquility. "The clients embody gentleness and harmony, which shaped our vision for the space," says Tomek Kwec of Oak and One Group.

Designed, Built, and Furnished by Oak And One Group, www.oakandonegroup.com

Honoring the home's Tudor roots while enhancing functionality was key. The front facade was refined by removing a prominent chimney for a more balanced profile. A fresh color palette, new retaining wall, and an updated landscaping enhance curb appeal, while enlarged windows invite in natural light. The front door, though brand new, retains its original design in homage to the home's history.

Kwec's holistic approach ensures every detail flows seamlessly. "We oversee everything, from architecture and landscaping to interiors and decor," he explains. This integration creates a cohesive experience, inside and out.

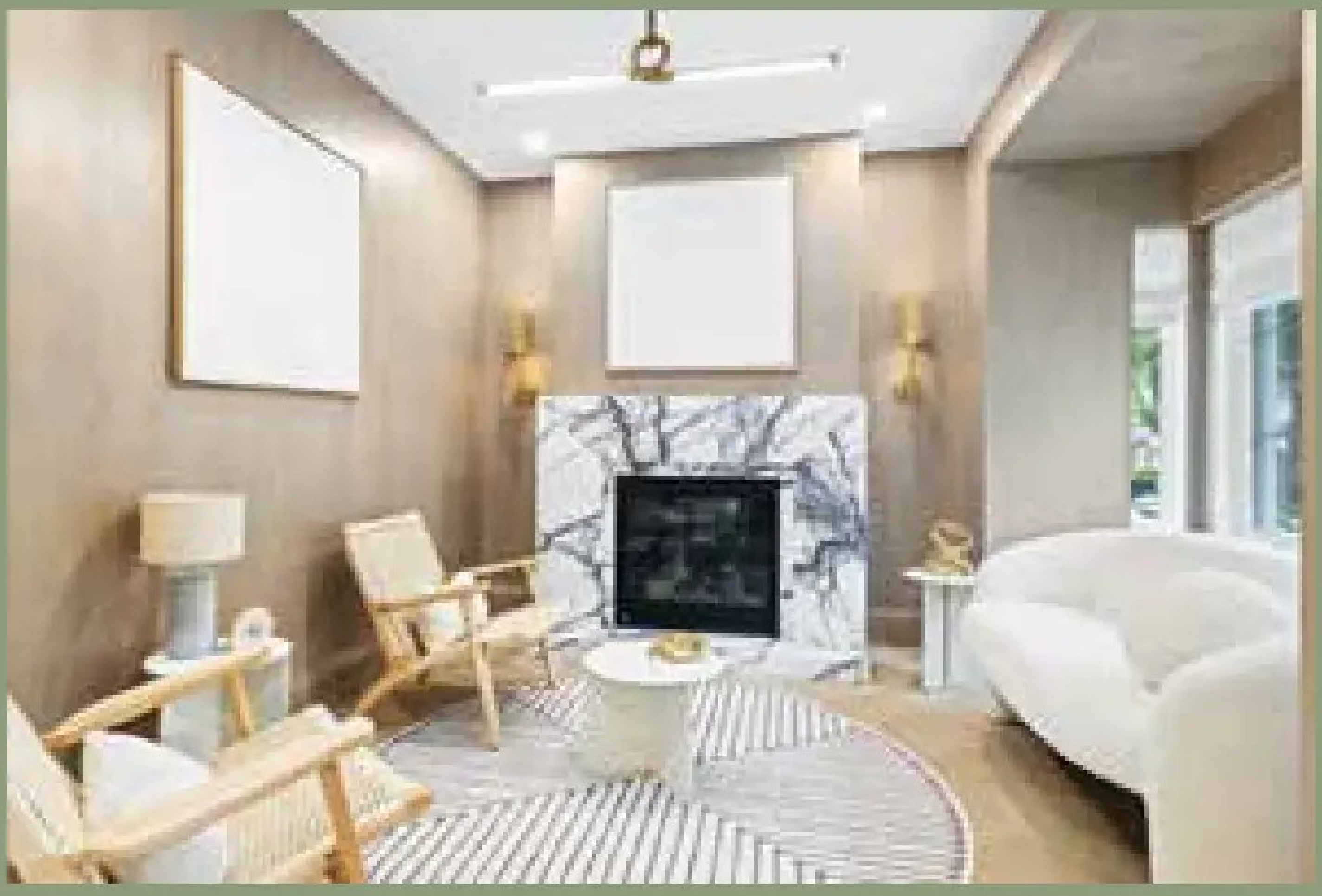
Inside, the home unfolds with purpose. The foyer, with its striking vignette and statement lighting, sets the stage for the refined interiors. Herringbone-patterned oak floors add warmth, while a soft, muted palette enhances the home's inviting atmosphere.

The formal living room features rich oak paneling and a stately marble fireplace, while the open-concept family room, dining area, and chef's kitchen offer a natural flow for entertaining. A sun-filled breakfast room overlooking the ravine strengthens the home's connection to nature.

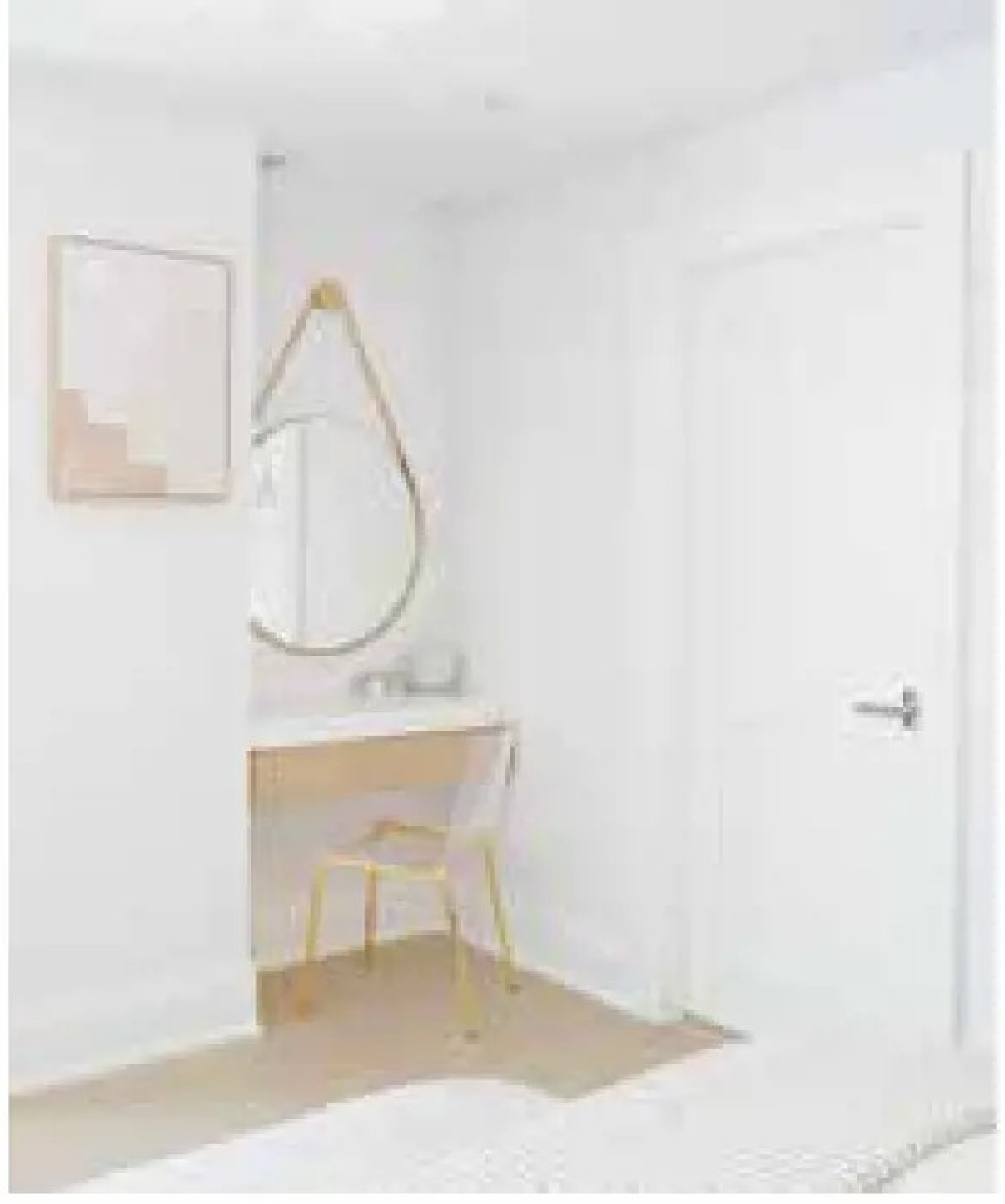
Upstairs, three well-appointed bedrooms each boast private ensuites and generous closets. A dedicated office with ravine views and a walk-out balcony provides a great workspace. The third-floor primary suite is a true retreat, complete with a cozy sitting area, custom his-and-hers closets, and a spa-like ensuite.

The basement maximizes functionality with a recreation room and bar, a home gym, a second laundry, and a guest suite. Remarkably, no addition was needed—every inch was optimized to enhance space and flow.

Natural light plays a vital role and expanded windows frame the lush ravine views. "The beauty of the backyard is now part of the home's interior experience," says Kwec



Bringing this home to life came with its share of memorable moments. Kwec recalls a post-renovation dinner where the homeowners hosted them in their new home. Their young daughters transformed brand-new velvet armchairs into their latest art project. "Crayon marks were everywhere! Thankfully, we salvaged them, but it was a great reminder that homes are meant to be lived in," he laughs.



To simplify upkeep, Kwec provides homeowners with a custom maintenance guide. "We outline care schedules and offer an exclusive service for ongoing support," he notes. His team remains a trusted resource long after move-in day.

Collaboration was central to the process. "From initial plans to final furniture selections, we worked closely with the homeowners to bring their vision to life," Kwec shares. Every detail was carefully curated, resulting in a home that is not only stunning but also a true reflection of its owners.

Beauty

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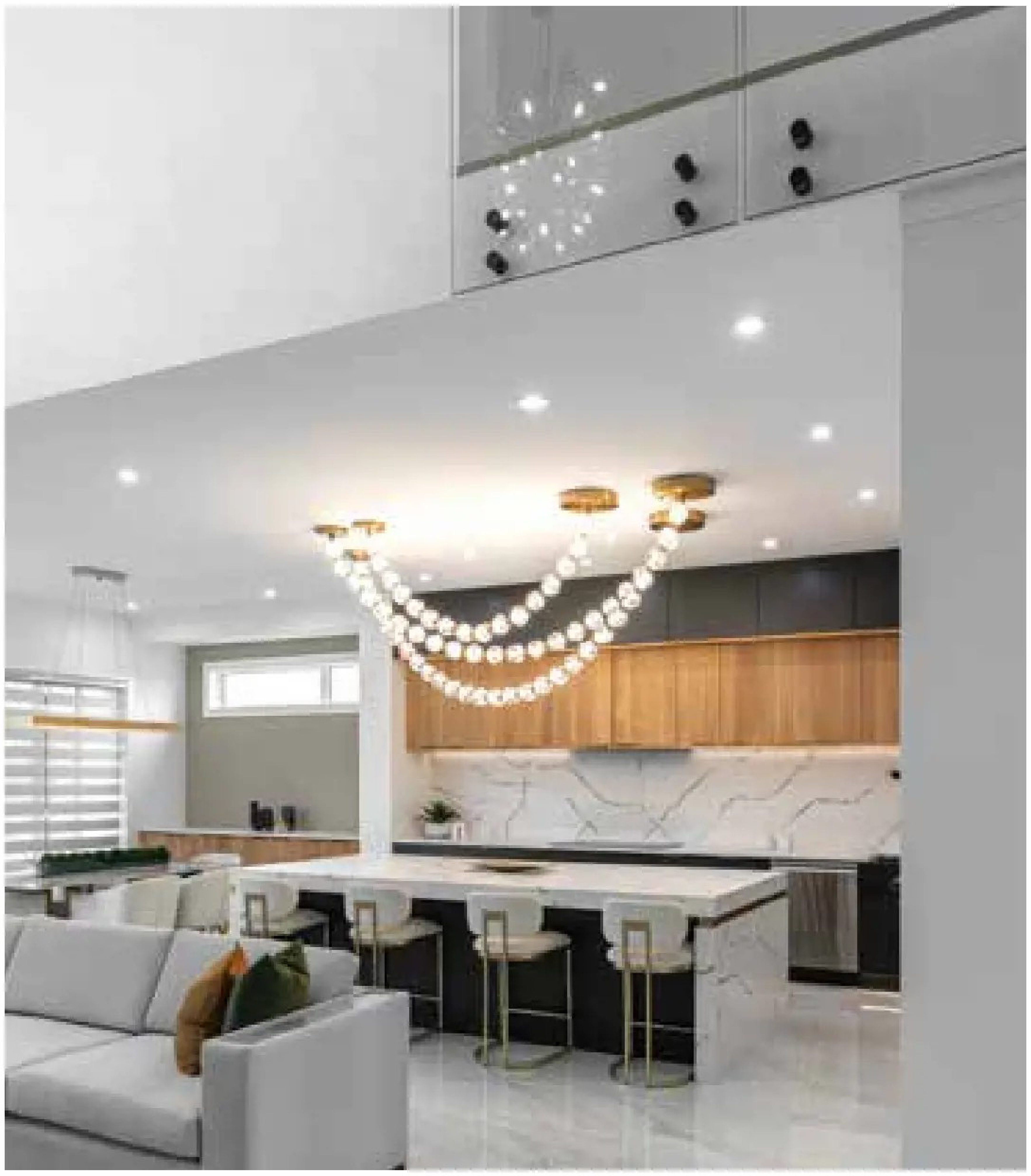

Designing a kitchen is a delicate dance between form and function. This stunning space perfectly embodies that balance, delivering a layout that is both highly practical and visually captivating.

At the heart of the design is the working triangle where seamless movement between the sink, stove, and refrigerator ensures effortless functionality. The placement of appliances was carefully considered to suit the homeowner’s needs, while an apron-front sink and a striking gold faucet add a touch of sophistication. Fluted white oak cabinetry provides warmth and texture, juxtaposed against sleek black cabinets for bold contrast. Cambria quartz countertops in Berkshire Brass Sculpted Quartz add an extra layer of luxury, with brushed brass accents tying everything together.

Lighting plays a starring role, with layered illumination creating depth and ambiance. Ambient lighting provides an inviting glow, task lighting enhances functionality, and statement accent fixtures—like the exquisite light fixture over the 10-foot island—act as the perfect finishing touch, much like jewelry that completes an outfit.

Achieving harmony was not without its challenges. Balancing storage needs with a spacious, airy feel required custom cabinetry solutions. Selecting the right materials was key. Fluted oak for warmth, quartz for durability, and brass for a refined finish.

Ultimately, this kitchen is a testament to timeless design. It blends natural textures with bold contrasts, proving that with thoughtful planning, a space can be as practical as it is breathtaking. It’s a kitchen designed to be lived in and admired.

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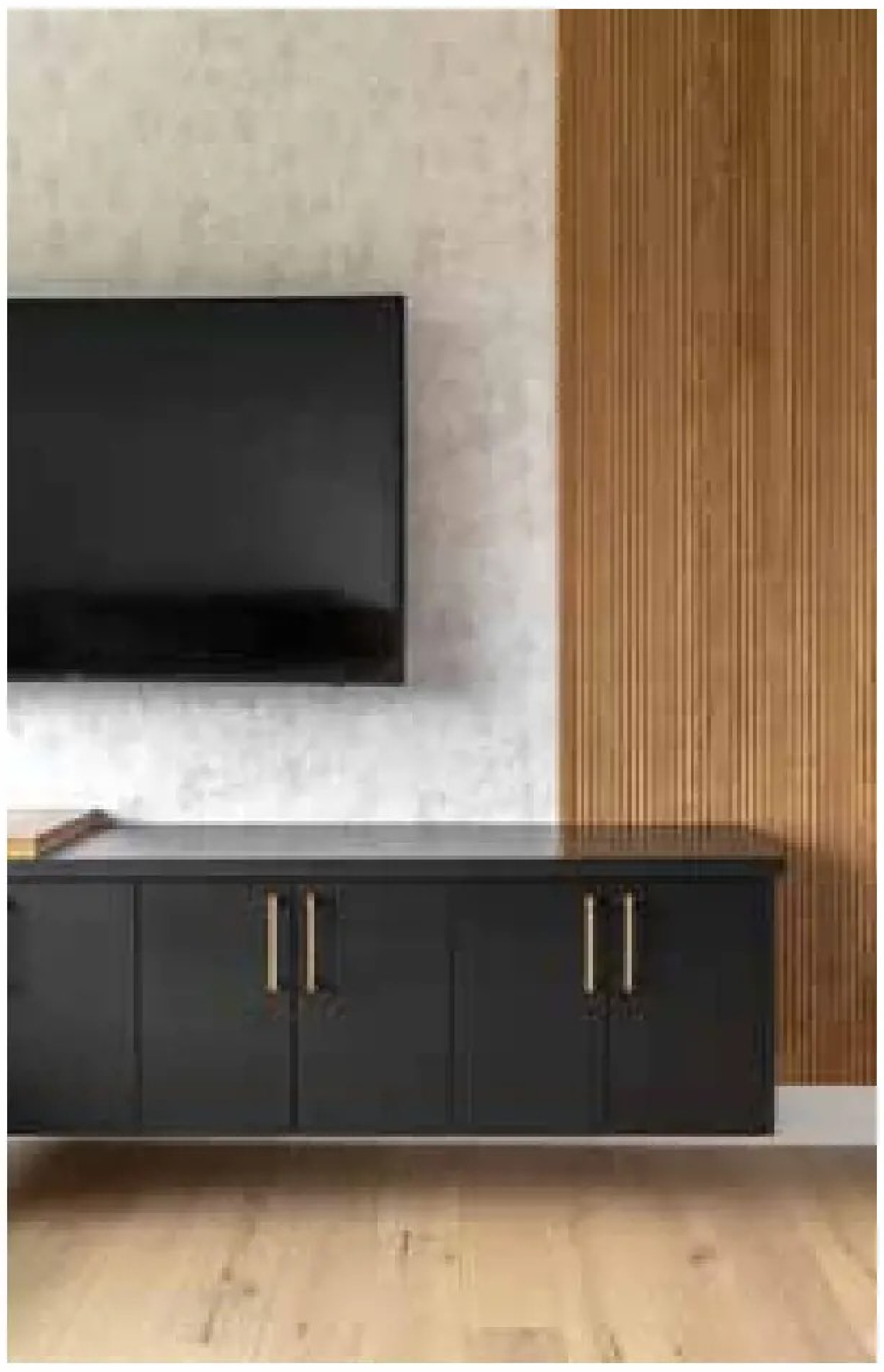

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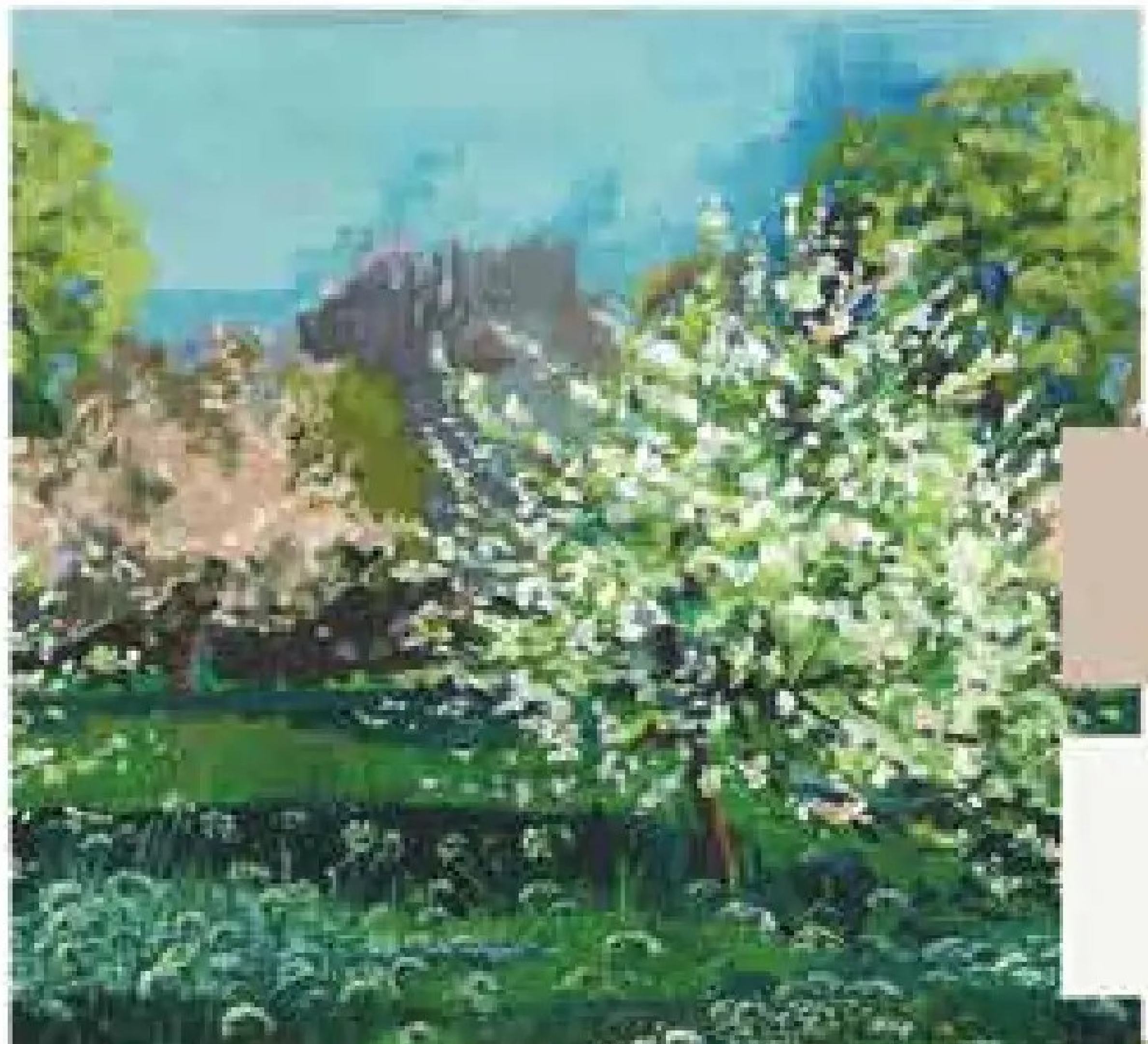
This dining room design begins with a bold statement: a Designers Guild wallpaper mural showcasing a captivating outdoor scene in rich greens, blues, and soft turquoise. This vibrant backdrop sets the tone, inspiring the entire space. The dining chairs feature a dark green fabric with a subtle yellow undertone and a delicate pattern, harmonizing beautifully with the wallpaper. A warm wood dining table anchors the room, while an elegant light fixture adds an element of sophistication. The black-and-white hutch offers contrast and depth while neutral walls balance the design, complementing the wallpaper and allowing it to remain the focal point. A whimsical bird print picture brings a playful touch to the remaining walls, tying the entire room together with elegance and charm. The final touch is a large piece of art by Linelle Lemoine, carefully chosen to complement the wallpaper. It balances the space beautifully, enhancing the design without detracting from the wallpaper's role as the focal point. - Design Concept by Designer Jacklynn Little, www.jacklynnlittleinteriors.com



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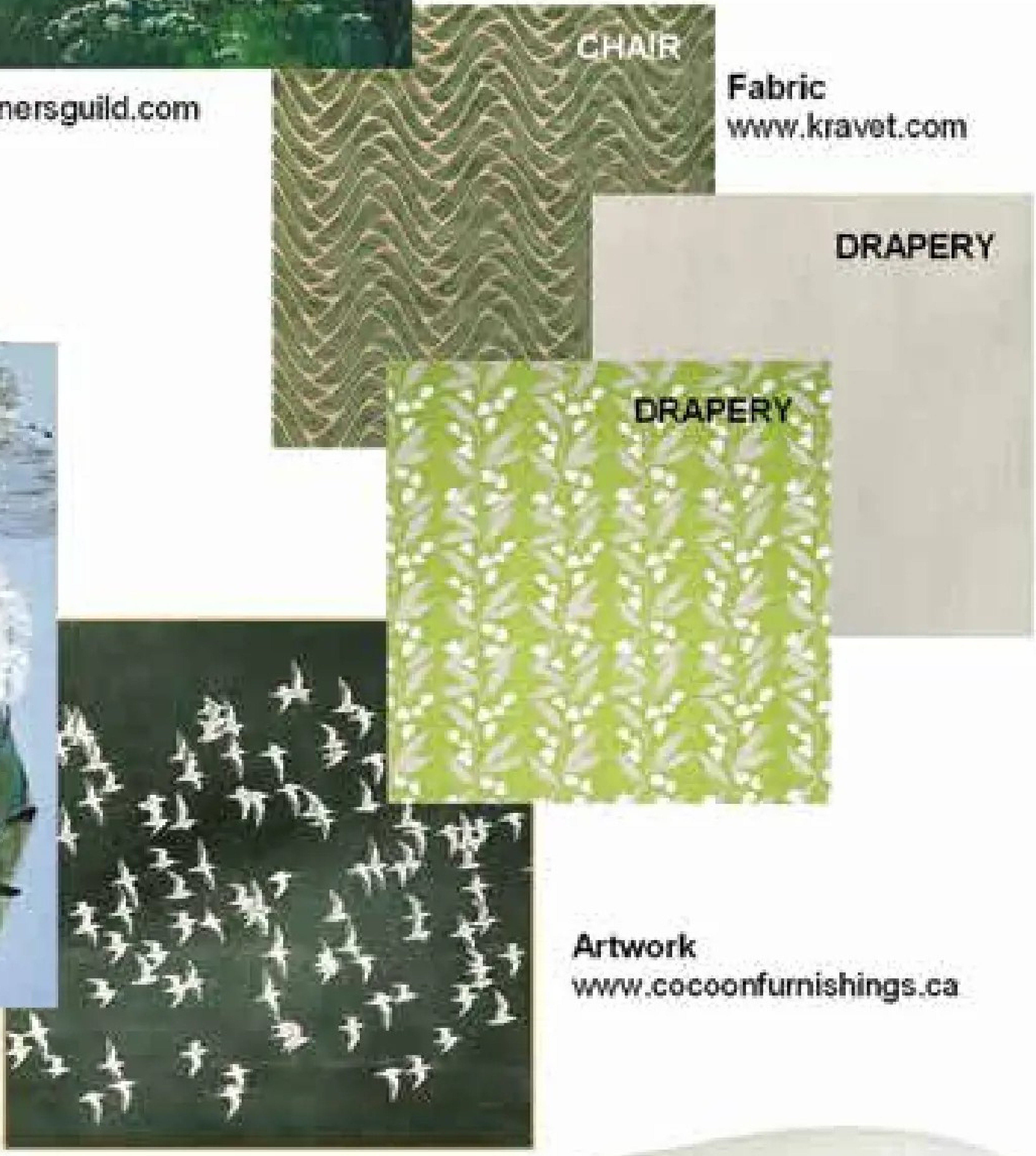

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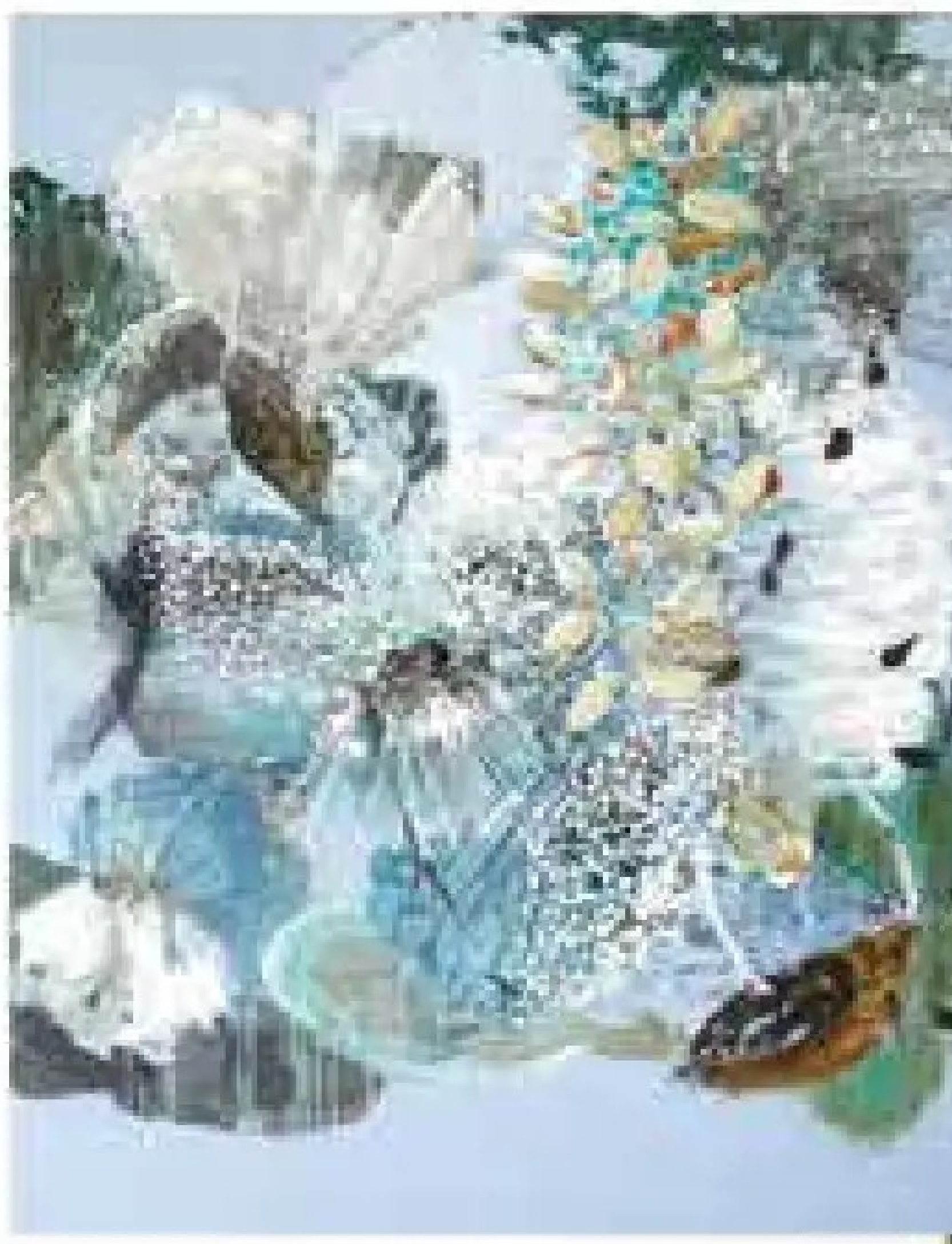

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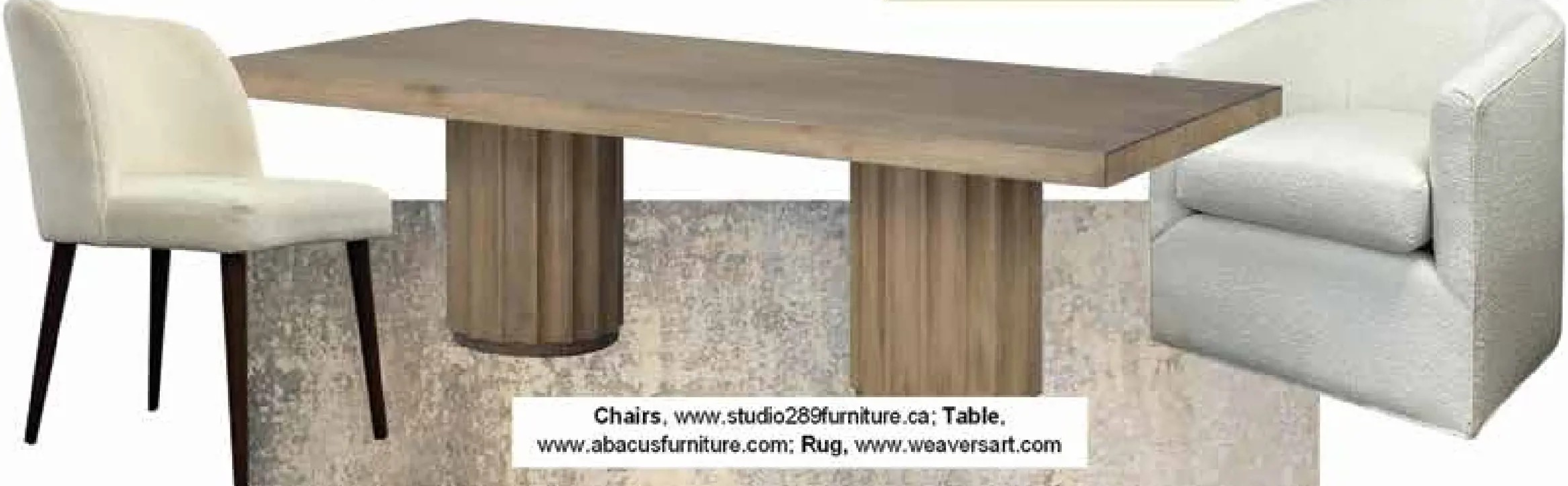

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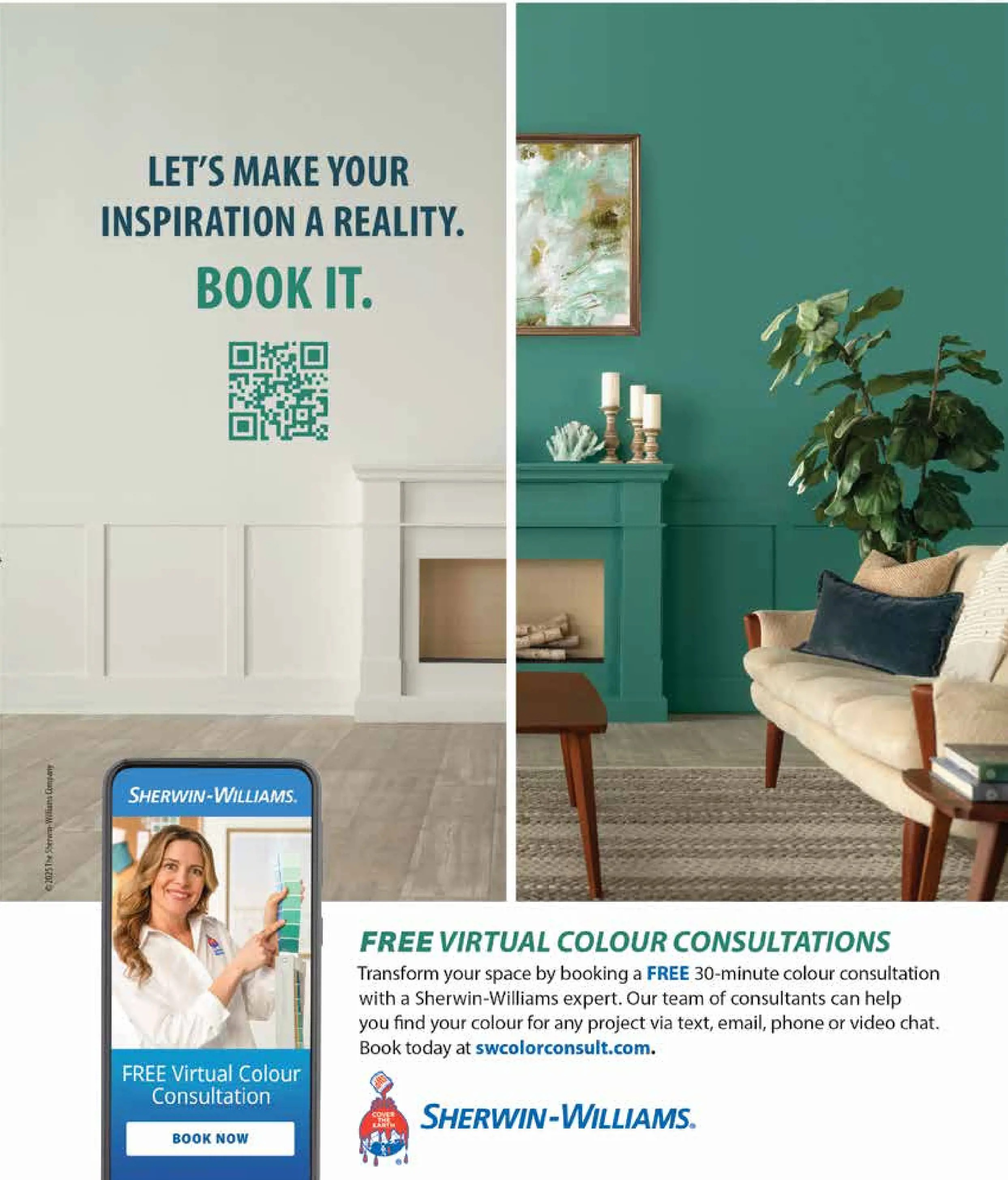
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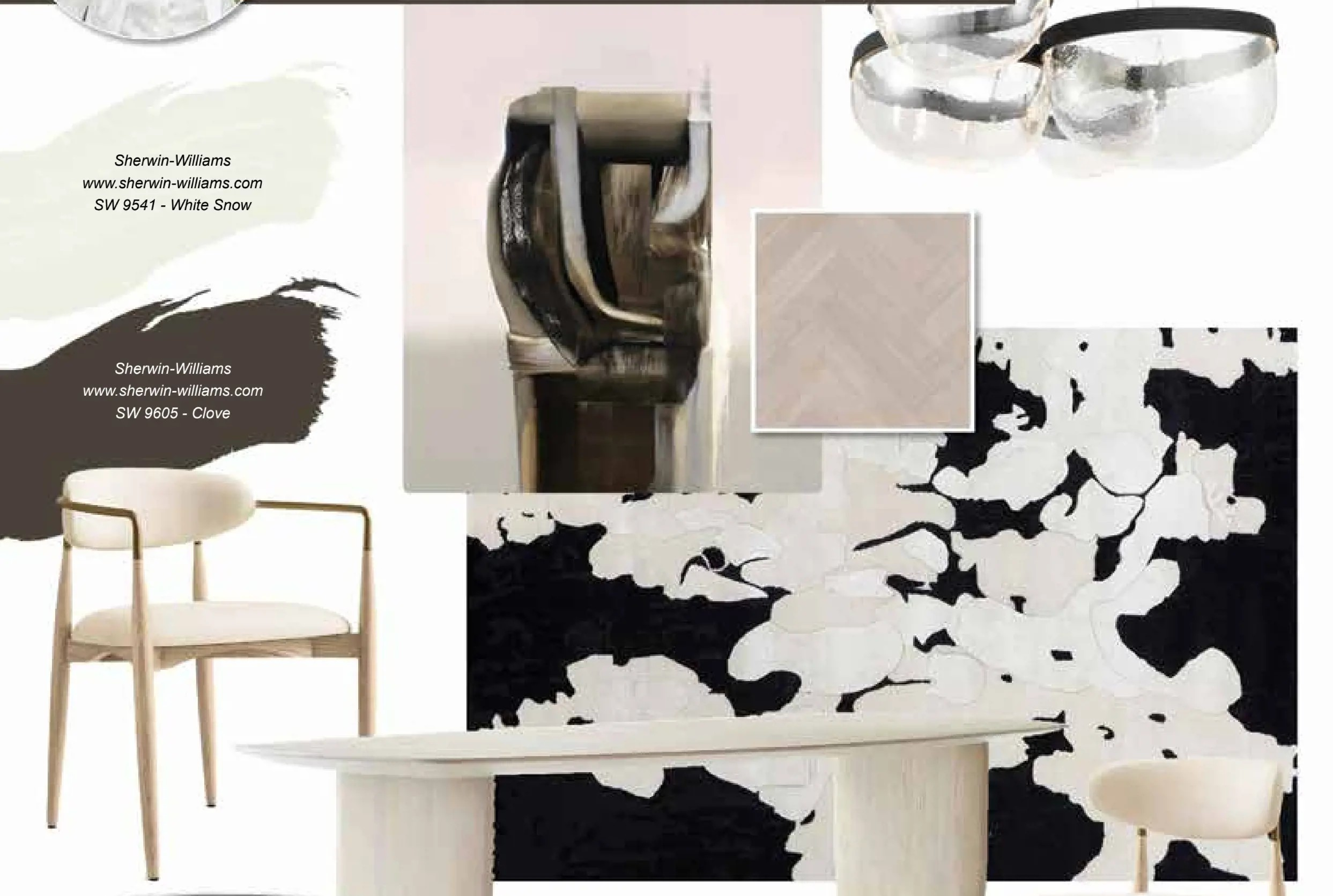

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Different lights working together is called light layering and it can have a powerful effect on your kitchen.

Ambient lighting is the overall lighting in the room. It should provide a comfortable level of brightness without a glare. Ambient lighting can come from various light sources like ceiling mounts, or recessed fixtures throughout the room.

Task lighting is extremely helpful and practical when working on food preparation and cooking. Under cabinet lighting, like LED strips, and pendant lights, help you do what you want safely and without eye strain. Pendants over an island, or above a large counter space, help to illuminate and are also considered decorative. Make sure to hang pendants 30-36 inches from the counter to avoid blocking sight lines.

Accent lighting is the cherry on top of your kitchen illumination, and the best way to show off your style. The sole purpose of accent lighting is to let your décor shine. Use it in glass cabinets to light up vases or plates, and over cabinets to highlight architectural details. Other types of accent lighting would include wall sconces, under-shelf lights, such as an exposed floating shelf, and over cabinets to highlight architectural details.

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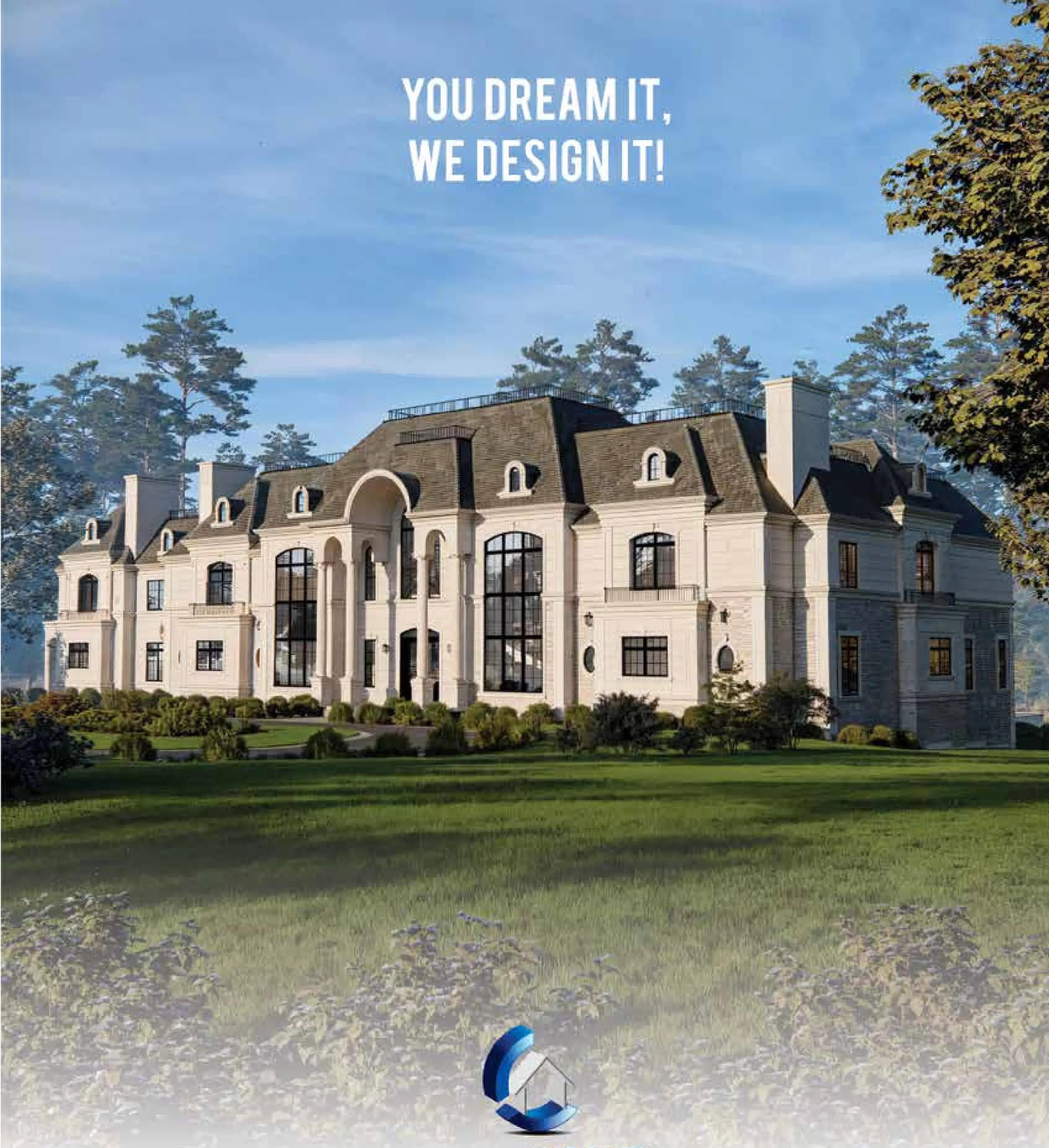
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2025 KITCHEN DESIGN TRENDS

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2025 kitchen design trends mark a shift towards kitchens that are not only functional and visually inspiring, but also **ROOTED IN SUSTAINABILITY**. Homeowners are opting for eco-friendly materials, energy efficient appliances, smart systems and durable long lasting products that reduce waste when planning their kitchen designs. Warm, earthy color palettes and natural wood finishes provide a neutral foundation with a connection to nature. By blending warmth, nature and thoughtful design, these spaces become the true heart of the home evoking timeless beauty.
Designer Sunita Lymburner, www.saraleahinteriors.com

STATEMENT PLUMBING, including faucets that stand out and huge sinks that have a bin for everything, allow your inner sous chef to come alive. Statement plumbing can also be used to make plumbing fixtures a design feature representing the homeowner's style, especially given that everyone must have a faucet!
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BEVERAGE STATIONS AND WINE STORAGE are appearing on nearly everyone's kitchen wishlist this year! It's the perfect blend of personal luxury and functionality. Whether you're serving cocktails to guests or making your perfect cup of morning coffee, a well planned beverage station is a must!
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The **DEDICATED DRY BAR** is making a major comeback in 2025 kitchens, offering a refined and functional way to entertain at home. With the rise of more intimate gatherings and a focus on slow living, homeowners are creating spaces that blend style and utility. This design highlights organized glassware, luxurious finishes, and warm, natural tones.
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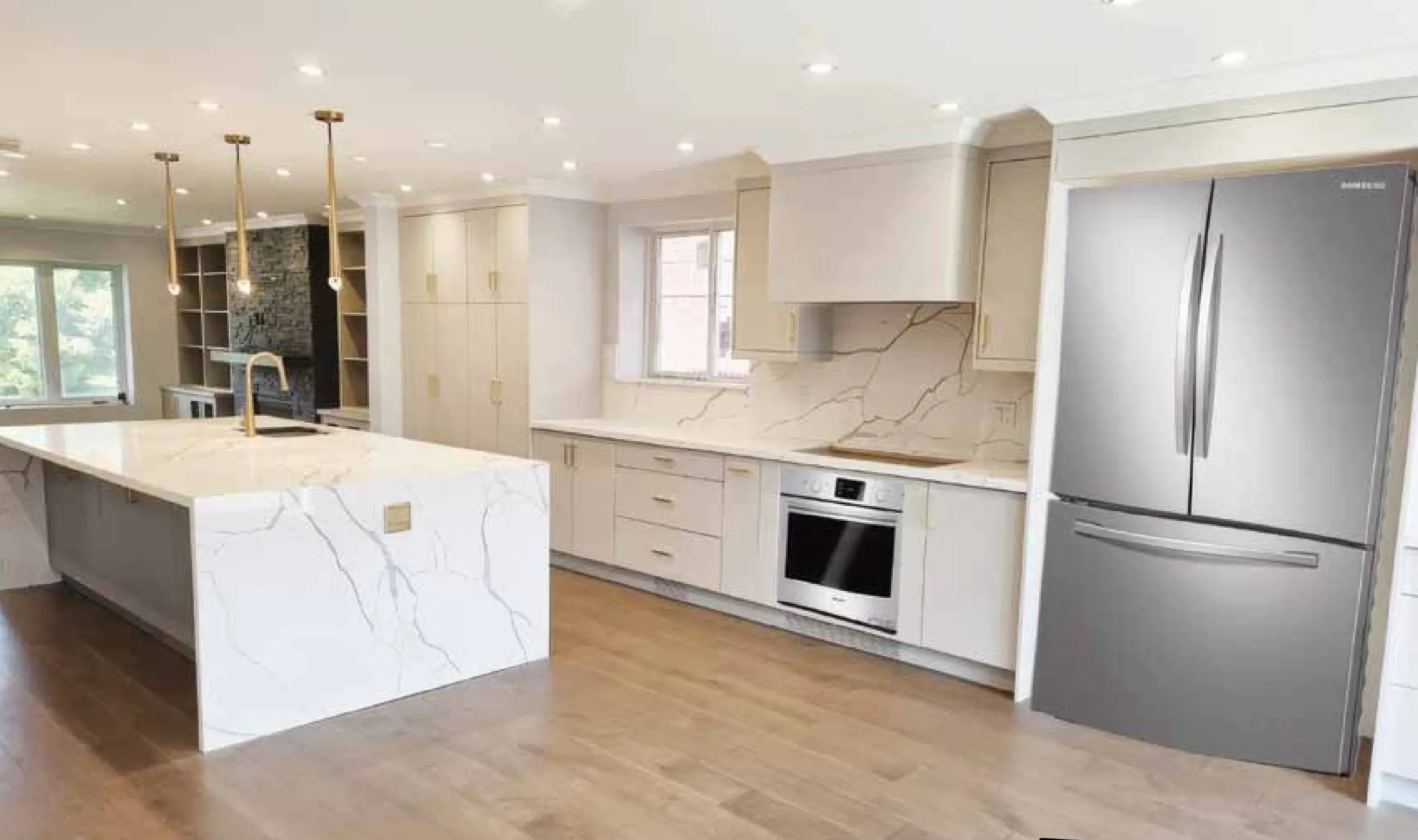


MODERN HOME MASTERPIECE

BEFORE

Stepping into this newly renovated kitchen and living space is like entering a modern design dream—where sleek surfaces, thoughtful details, and an effortless flow create a home that is as beautiful as it is functional. Designed by Reno Quarter, this transformation embraces open-concept living with a refined palette and contemporary finishes, turning a once-traditional layout into an inviting, light-filled retreat.

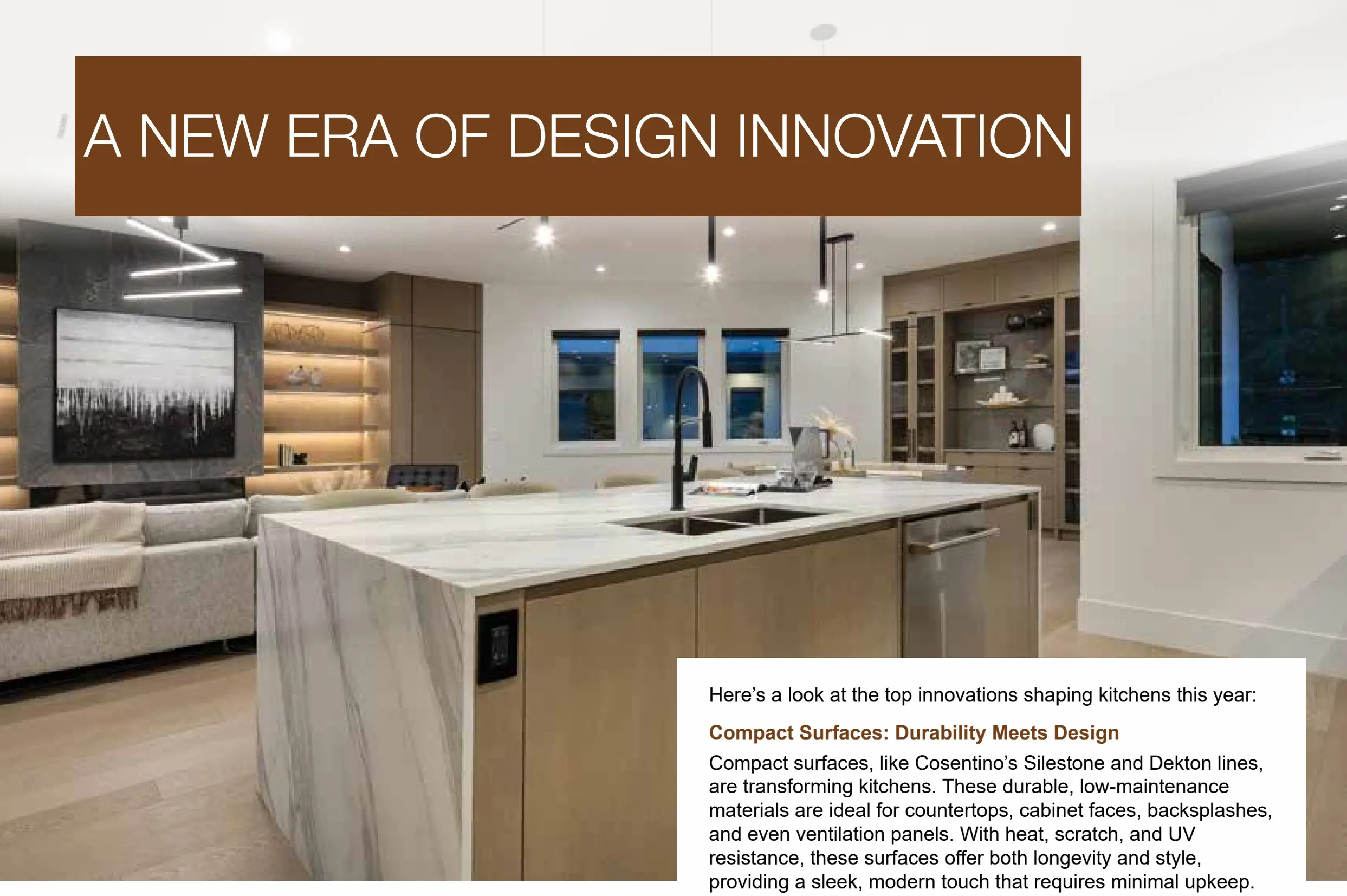
At the heart of the renovation, the kitchen is a seamless blend of style and practicality. A striking marble-look waterfall island commands attention, serving as both a generous workspace and a stylish gathering spot. The custom cabinetry, finished in a sophisticated two-tone palette with crisp white uppers and soft gray lower cabinets, creates a subtle contrast while maximizing storage. Adding a hint of warmth and luxury, brass accents are carefully woven throughout the space, from the elegant pendant lighting to the sleek modern faucet. To maintain a clean, uncluttered aesthetic, integrated appliances disappear into the cabinetry, allowing the design to take center stage. The look is completed with a marble-inspired backsplash that mirrors the veining of the island, creating a polished, cohesive feel.

Beyond the kitchen, the entire space has been reimagined with a focus on openness and natural light. Walls have been removed to connect the kitchen to the adjacent living areas, fostering an easy flow and a more social atmosphere. Expansive windows allow sunlight to flood the room, while recessed lighting has been strategically placed to ensure every corner feels bright and inviting. A soft, neutral palette of whites, grays, and light wood tones enhances the airy ambiance, creating a timeless and serene environment. Underfoot, wide-plank engineered hardwood replaces the previous dark terrazzo, bringing warmth and a contemporary elegance to the space.

Storage has been just as thoughtfully considered, with built-in shelving and glass-front cabinets providing both functionality and an opportunity to showcase curated displays. Every element of the renovation has been carefully selected to ensure a balance of beauty and practicality, proving that modern design can be both livable and luxurious.

Reno Quarter's meticulous attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the project, from the use of durable, low-maintenance materials to the seamless integration of the latest design trends. The result is a home that feels effortlessly stylish yet entirely functional—one that adapts to modern living while maintaining an enduring sense of elegance. *- Reno Quarter, www.reno-q.com*

A NEW ERA OF DESIGN INNOVATION



Here's a look at the top innovations shaping kitchens this year:

Compact Surfaces: Durability Meets Design

Compact surfaces, like Cosentino's Silestone and Dekton lines, are transforming kitchens. These durable, low-maintenance materials are ideal for countertops, cabinet faces, backsplashes, and even ventilation panels. With heat, scratch, and UV resistance, these surfaces offer both longevity and style, providing a sleek, modern touch that requires minimal upkeep.

Beyond the Kitchen: A Seamless Flow

The kitchen is becoming more integrated with adjoining living spaces. Open-plan living is evolving, and kitchens are blending with dining areas and "spice" kitchens. Custom displays and cohesive materials create a seamless flow from one space to another, turning the kitchen into a functional, social hub.

Elevated Cooking: Appliances as Design Statements

Kitchen appliances are now design elements. Brands like JennAir offer customizable appliances with unique finishes, bold interiors, and innovative technology. Integrated, sleek options such as leather-panel refrigerators and smart ovens with recipe guidance are transforming the cooking experience into a luxurious, personalized one.

Layered Design: Embracing Depth and Dimension

Kitchens in 2025 are all about layering. Combining different levels, heights, and depths maximizes storage while adding visual interest. In smaller spaces, this approach integrates full-height cabinets, open shelving, and contrasting finishes, creating functional yet stylish kitchens that feel spacious and well-balanced.

Look Up: Ceiling Design Takes the Spotlight

Ceilings are becoming a focal point in kitchen design. Custom ventilation panels and dramatic ceiling treatments add warmth and texture, helping to scale large spaces while tying design elements together. Vertical surfaces are now key to creating impactful, inviting kitchens.

Dine with Us: The Evolution of the Kitchen-Dining Space

In 2025, kitchens and dining areas are merging. Islands and extended countertops are becoming multi-functional, offering prep space while doubling as dining areas. As formal dining rooms fade, kitchens are designed to be the central social space, perfect for cooking, eating, and gathering in one cohesive environment.

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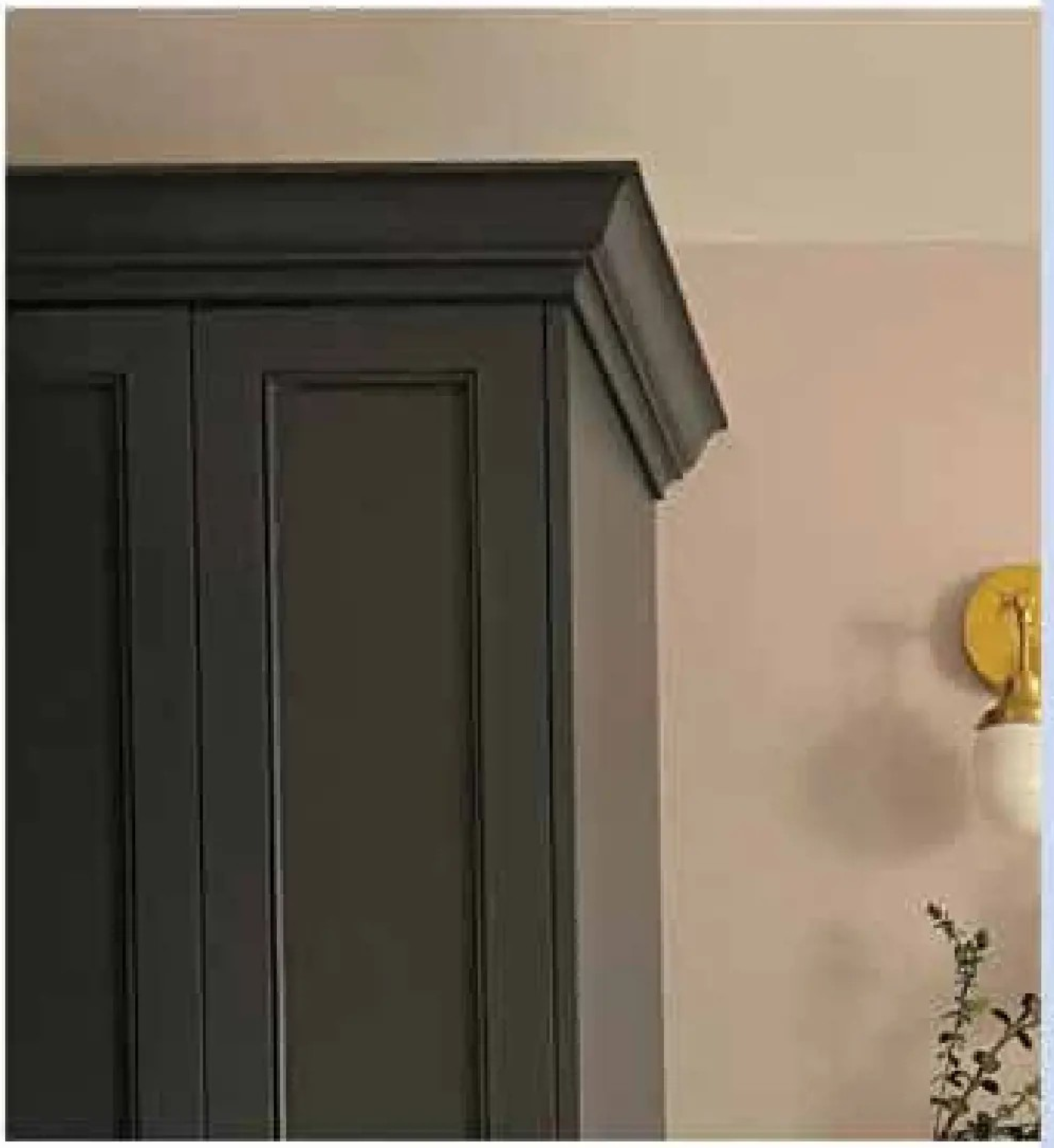

When it comes to designing or renovating a kitchen, it's the small details that truly make a kitchen functional, stylish, and uniquely yours. The experts at Allstyle Retrofit suggest these cabinet components can elevate your space, blending practicality with aesthetic appeal:

Trim: The Perfect Finishing Touch Trim is like the final stroke of a masterpiece - it ties everything together. By covering small gaps or uneven edges, trim creates smooth transitions between cabinetry and walls, islands, or other built-in features. It also adds a touch of architectural charm, giving your cabinets a refined, custom-built look that feels perfectly integrated into your space.

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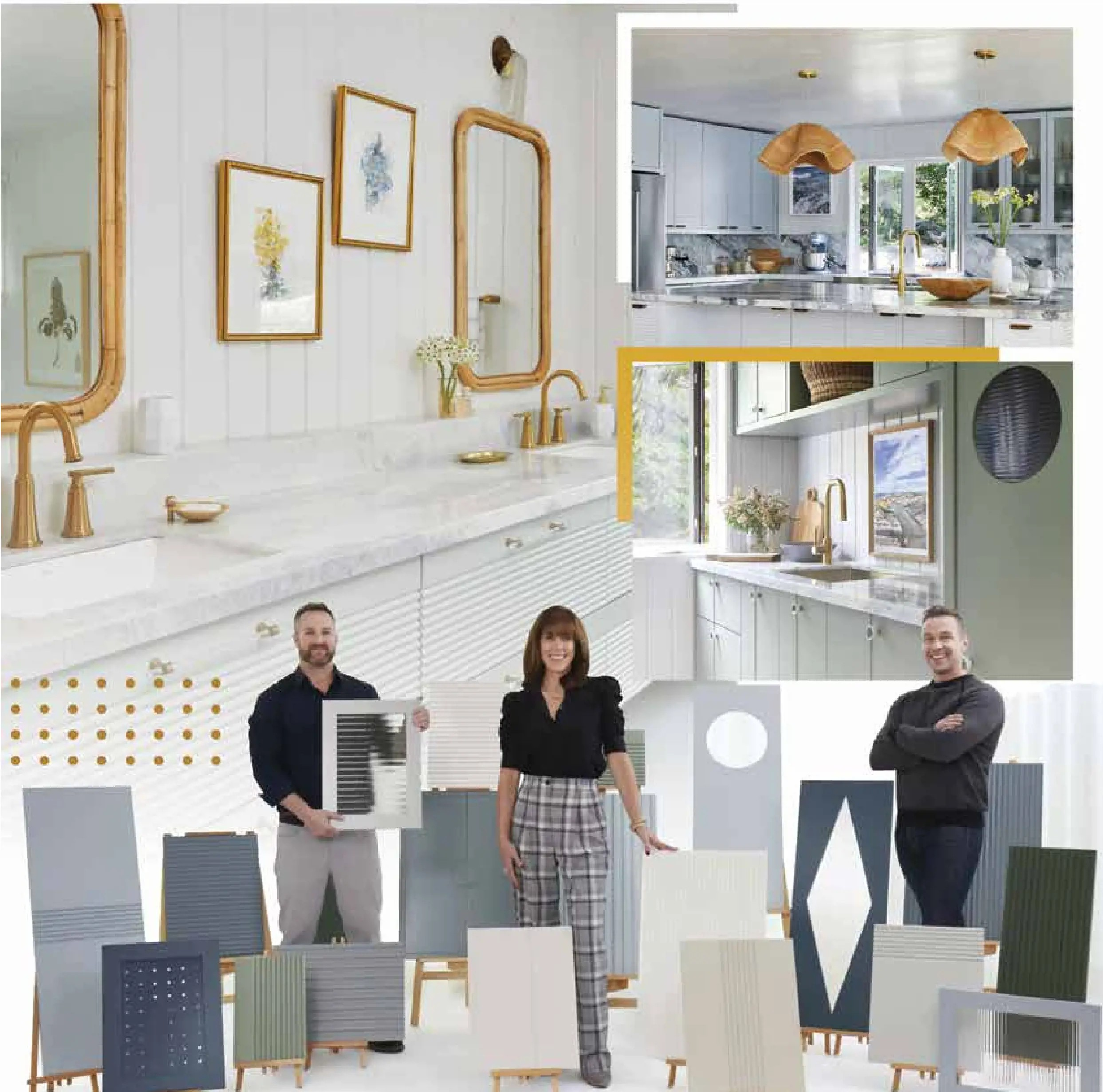

WHY BUYING LOCAL MATTERS

Chris Allinotte, Supply-Build Canada

Visit any town in Canada and chances are, regardless of population size, you'll find a hardware, lumber, or building supply store. Along with places to buy food, the main thing any community needs is access to the materials necessary to build, grow, expand, maintain and upgrade existing structures. Canadian building supply retailers are pillars of their communities and are critical to their local economies and quality of life.

As we navigate a coming period of economic turbulence, the very best thing we as Canadians can do is support the local retailers that support our communities. Choosing local doesn't mean giving up on selection either. Many small-town retailers are Canadian franchises like TIMBER MART, Castle, and Home Hardware (although many operate under family names). Home Hardware, for example, is Canada's largest network of independently owned building supply stores. Franchise affiliation allows for a local retailer to have the purchasing power, selection, and supply chain of a large corporation, while retaining the individual business owner's ability to run their own operation. This is a key difference between those locations and a corporately owned multi-national brand or global online super store. By choosing to support your local retailer, you are supporting your own community.

Star Building Products in Calgary organizes "Ride Through the Rockies" each year, cumulatively raising over $1m since they began the ride.

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Shopping at a local building supply store is rewarding in other ways too. Many owners and managers are former contractors or tradespeople. They have a wealth of experience to share – all an intrepid DIY-er has to do is ask! Visiting a location where the staff have this depth of product knowledge ensures you go home with the right items the first time. They can also let you know where the products were manufactured, and which are best suited for your climate.

Locally owned and operated businesses keep money and jobs within their own communities! They are places where young people find work experience and, given the entrepreneurial spirit of the building supply industry, often discover an on-ramp to lifelong, rewarding careers. These businesses are often the first to support local school fundraisers, sports teams and leagues, and charitable organizations. Recently, Joel Hartung, who owns and operates three locations of The LumberZone in Manitoba, worked with Supply-Build Canada to arrange a charity hockey game that raised $40,000 for Habitat for Humanity. Likewise, Ken Crockett, Vice President of Star Building Materials, organizes an annual bike ride, "Ride Through the Rockies" that has, to date, raised over $1,000,000 for Habitat for Humanity – an organization dedicated to providing housing for families that wouldn't otherwise be able to purchase a home. Many big box stores, although they may hire locally, send the majority of their profits elsewhere, including outside of Canada.

Local building supply retailers are your neighbors, and in many cases, your family and friends. They've been building and supporting our communities in Canada for over a hundred years. Now is a great time to support them back.

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TREX® OUTDOOR LIVING FORECAST 2025

Color, Comfort and Luxe, Customized Spaces to Transform Backyards

Outdoor living in the new year is redefining how we use and enjoy our backyards, blending cutting-edge design, personalized touches and sustainable solutions. What began during the pandemic as a functional escape has evolved into a movement toward creating private outdoor oases that rival the luxury of indoor spaces with bold, imaginative and comfort-forward elements taking center stage.

The latest Houzz Outdoor Trends Study reveals that one in three homeowners are upgrading outdoor areas to expand their living spaces, signaling an appetite for innovation and indulgence. With an emphasis on convenience, style and eco-consciousness, backyards are becoming bespoke retreats.

As a trailblazer in outdoor solutions, Trex is at the forefront of this movement with the insight and ability to track evolving influences in the marketplace. Based on sales and input from contractors, retailers and consumers, the following are five trends expected to shape backyards in the coming year.

1. Seamless Segues from Inside Out

Homeowners are increasingly seeking innovative ways to create seamless transitions that dissolve the boundaries between indoor comfort and outdoor enjoyment. Picture sleek glass doors gliding open to reveal a deck adorned with plush seating, cozy rugs and soft accent lighting – all the warmth of an indoor living room, brought outside.

Another way to extend indoor comfort outdoors is with the addition of a deck drainage system, such as Trex® RainEscape®. Designed to divert rain and snow melt away from a deck, this system keeps the space beneath an elevated deck dry and usable. This allows for furnishings, lighting, appliances and electronics to be added to create a patio area with all the comfort and function of an interior room.

2. Climate-friendly Features

As climate resilience becomes a top priority, outdoor areas are being designed to withstand every season and adapt to a wide range of conditions. Homeowners want solutions that offer a year-round balance of comfort, durability, ease and style to ensure these spaces remain practical and inviting.

A recent development in the decking realm is the integration of heat-mitigating features into boards to keep the deck surface cooler than standard composite boards of a similar color. Trex offers boards that are designed to make lounging and entertaining more enjoyable.*

Trex composite decking is also ideal for use near water. From poolside decks to docks and marinas, its ultra-durable, weather-resistant surface can withstand decades of high tides, sand, cannonball splashes and sunscreen without losing its luster. Just an occasional soap-and-water cleaning is all that's needed to keep it looking like-new.**

3. Cozy and Curated

Homeowners are embracing the charm of smaller, purposefully designed outdoor spaces that cater to specific activities like dining, socializing or unwinding. Rather than vast, open areas, they're opting for well-defined zones that feel cozy and inviting.

Level changes, pergolas and privacy screens are among the many ways builders are incorporating definition and architectural interest into outdoor spaces. Deck railings also play a pivotal role. Beyond safety, railings are a crucial design element that provides the frame to a backyard masterpiece. Sleek black-on-black railings continue to be a favorite choice for their modern, minimalist aesthetic, while cable railing and glass panels are ideal for optimizing views.

4. Merging Comfort with Convenience

Technology is revolutionizing everything at home and the backyard is no exception. With smart features designed for both ease and entertainment, today's outdoor retreats rival the sophistication of any indoor living area.

High-tech products like app-controlled outdoor lighting, weatherproof audio and entertainment components, automated irrigation and smart security systems enhance comfort, safety and peace of mind, while features like built-in USB ports, wireless charging stations and outdoor Wi-Fi hotspots ensure your backyard stays connected, whether you're streaming a movie or tackling a work deadline in the outdoor office. Once considered indulgences, these additions are now more accessible than ever, making them essential elements for any backyard.

5. Harmonizing Sustainability and Serenity

In an increasingly fast-paced world, decks and patios are becoming personal sanctuaries that promote wellness and foster a connection to the natural world. From lush gardens to yoga platforms and tranquil water features, these serene retreats provide the perfect escape for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Sustainability is at the forefront of this transformation, as more and more homeowners seek to create spaces that are as kind to the planet as they are to the soul. Elements like eco-friendly decking made from recycled and reclaimed materials, energy-efficient lighting, rainwater harvesting systems and the use of native plants not only reduce environmental impact but cultivate spaces that feel in harmony with nature.

Outdoor spaces will continue to transform and evolve, inspiring connection, relaxation and creativity. Whether a sprawling multi-level deck where every corner offers a new experience, a tranquil retreat by the water or a secluded garden sanctuary alive with greenery, the possibilities are limitless.

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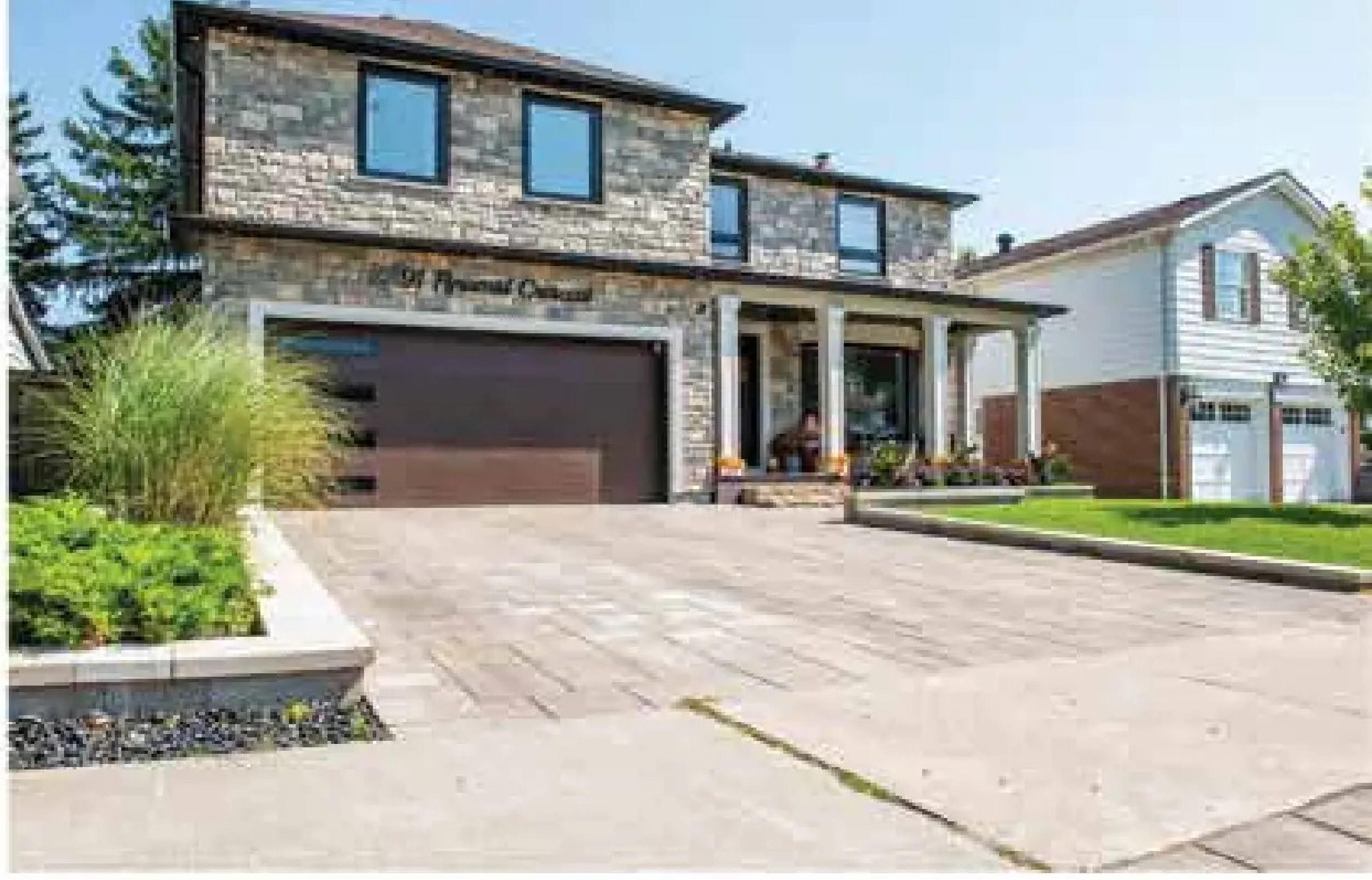
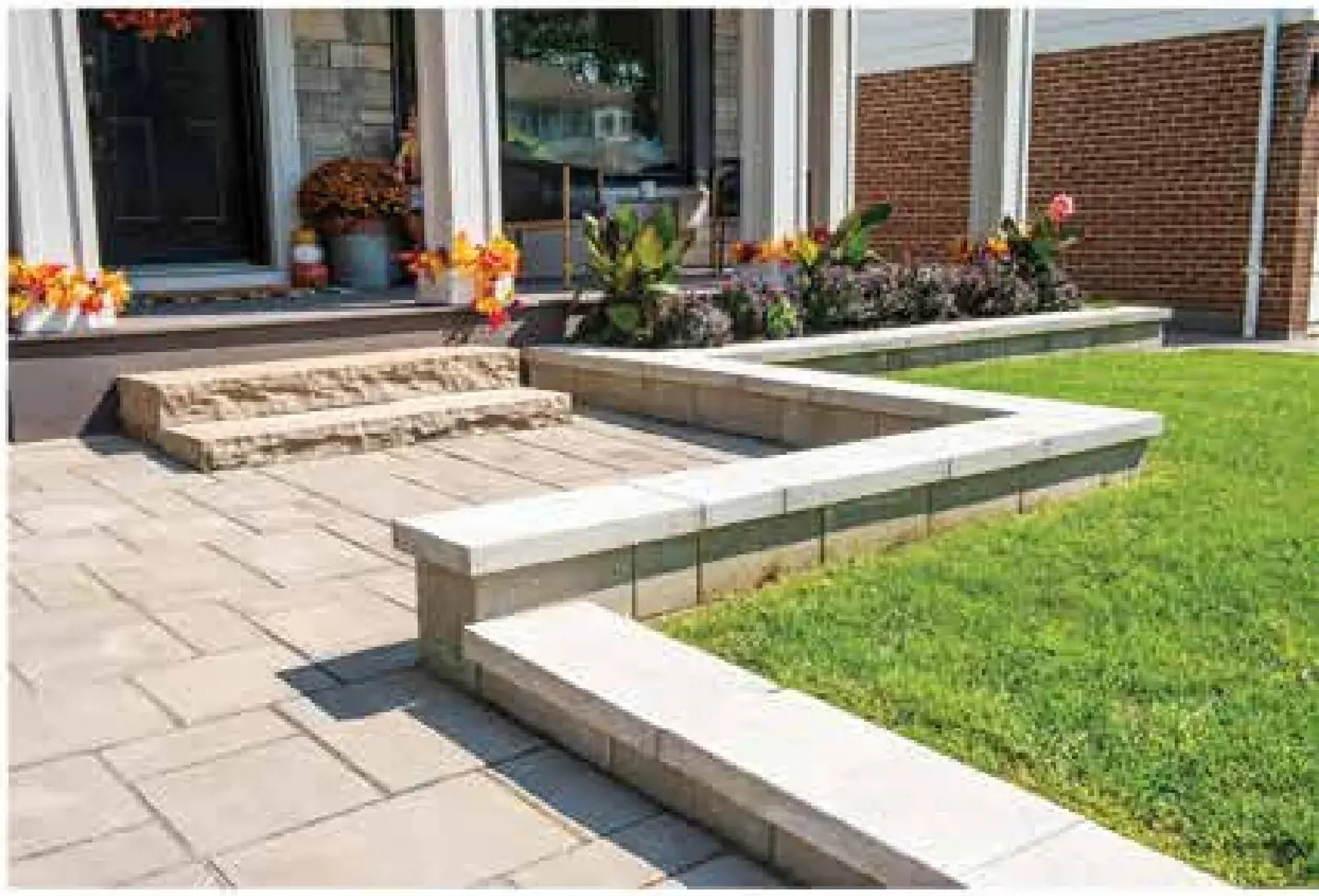


This home exterior makeover is a comprehensive transformation that blends functionality with modern curb appeal. The front of the house is instantly elevated with a rich, textured stone veneer. It adds depth and character, giving the home a timeless and rustic look, creating a focal point for the exterior. The sides, back, and chimney were clad in smooth stucco, providing a clean, cohesive appearance. Custom stucco pillars were also added, giving an architectural flair and framing the house beautifully.

The old metal soffits and fascia were replaced with newer, more durable materials. Pot lights were installed to highlight the home's exterior features, offering soft illumination. The downspouts were redirected into French drains, improving water management and reducing the risk of water damage. The entire exterior was re-caulked, ensuring a watertight seal and enhancing the home's energy efficiency. This also improves the durability of the finishes and prevents weather-related damage.



The installation of a new garage door added a contemporary touch to the home's exterior. This feature could be designed with modern materials, finishes, and colors to complement the new stone veneer and stucco details. All window trim was painted black using high-quality paint with a 25-year warranty, providing a bold contrast against the lighter exterior colors. This modern detail frames the windows beautifully and adds visual interest. Stucco window sills were added to the rear of the house, ensuring the back of the home was just as refined as the front. The stucco sills help to define the windows and protect them from weather elements.

The front lawn was regraded to improve drainage and ensure proper water flow. Fresh, vibrant sod was laid to create a lush, green landscape that enhances the home's curb appeal and offers a welcoming first impression. A new fence was installed in the backyard, providing privacy and a sense of enclosure. The fence may have been designed to complement the style of the home, enhancing both functionality and aesthetic value. Functional yet stylish retaining walls were built along the driveway and around the garden beds. These walls help with elevation changes, prevent erosion, and define the landscape, all while contributing to the home's overall design. The driveway and pathways on both sides of the house were completely redone with interlocking stones. This creates a visually appealing, durable, and functional surface, providing easy access to the house while enhancing its curb appeal.

Together, these upgrades create a seamless, modern, and well-maintained exterior that is both beautiful and practical. The blend of stone, stucco, and thoughtful landscaping elements offers a balanced look that enhances the home's value and invites compliments. - www.aamasonry.ca

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nature in harmony

Stepping into this outdoor living space feels like entering a private retreat—one where every detail has been thoughtfully designed to create a seamless blend of style, comfort, and function. With a well-planned multi-level layout, this backyard is more than just an extension of the home; it's a fully realized outdoor experience, perfect for everything from quiet mornings with a cup of coffee to lively summer gatherings under the stars.

Crafted by Stan Hamilton and his team at Hamilton Green Landscaping, this space is a testament to expert craftsmanship and design. At the heart of the layout, a cozy patio centers around a striking fire pit, framed by a curved stone seating wall that invites conversation and relaxation. This carefully sculpted feature doesn't just provide warmth; it becomes a natural gathering place, where flickering flames set the mood for every season. From here, the space unfolds with an effortless flow, leading up to a raised wooden deck that houses the dining area. A rectangular wood table, surrounded by woven dining chairs, creates the perfect spot for alfresco meals, whether it's a casual weekday dinner or a festive outdoor celebration.

The materials throughout the space have been chosen with a designer's eye for both harmony and contrast. Structured stone pavers define the main patio, while the warmth of the wooden decking softens the hardscaping, creating a natural transition between zones. The curved seating wall and retaining walls echo the textures of the surrounding landscape, grounding the design in a sense of place. Even the outdoor furniture and accessories have been curated to blend seamlessly, ensuring a cohesive, polished look.

Beyond the structural elements, the landscaping has been just as carefully considered. Vertical evergreens, such as cypress or arborvitae, add height and drama, while neatly pruned boxwood shrubs introduce soft, sculptural shapes that break up the linear design. Strategic bursts of seasonal color from flowering plants provide just the right amount of vibrancy, without overpowering the elegant simplicity of the space. Mature trees frame the entire area, offering a sense of privacy and enclosure that makes this backyard feel like a world of its own.

Stan Hamilton and his team have expertly balanced form and function, creating a multi-level design that encourages effortless movement while maintaining a sense of intimacy in each zone. The curved stone seating wall subtly defines the patio without closing it off, allowing the fire pit to take center stage as an inviting focal point. The result is a space that feels contemporary yet timeless, where sleek lines and organic materials work in perfect harmony.

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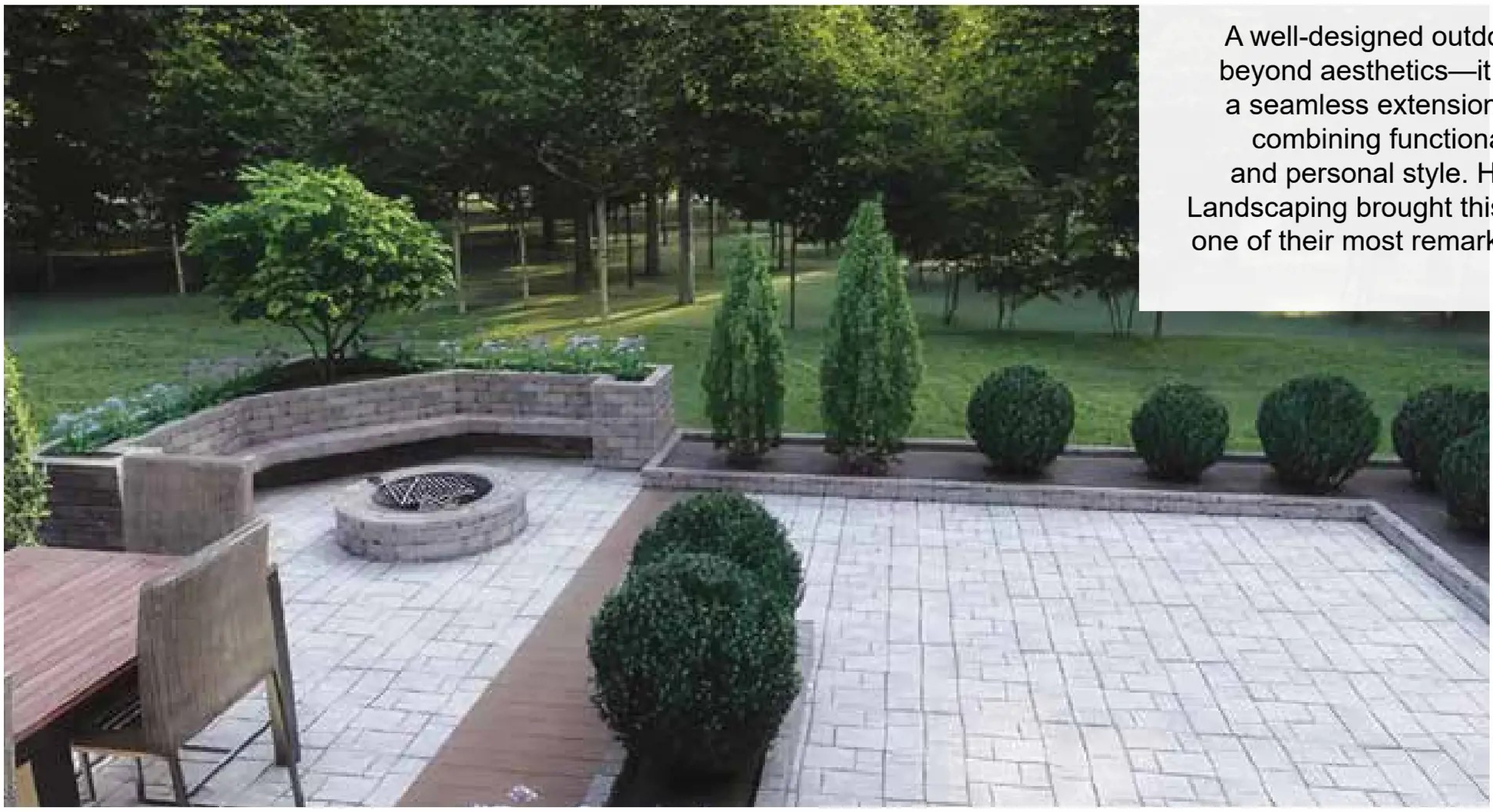
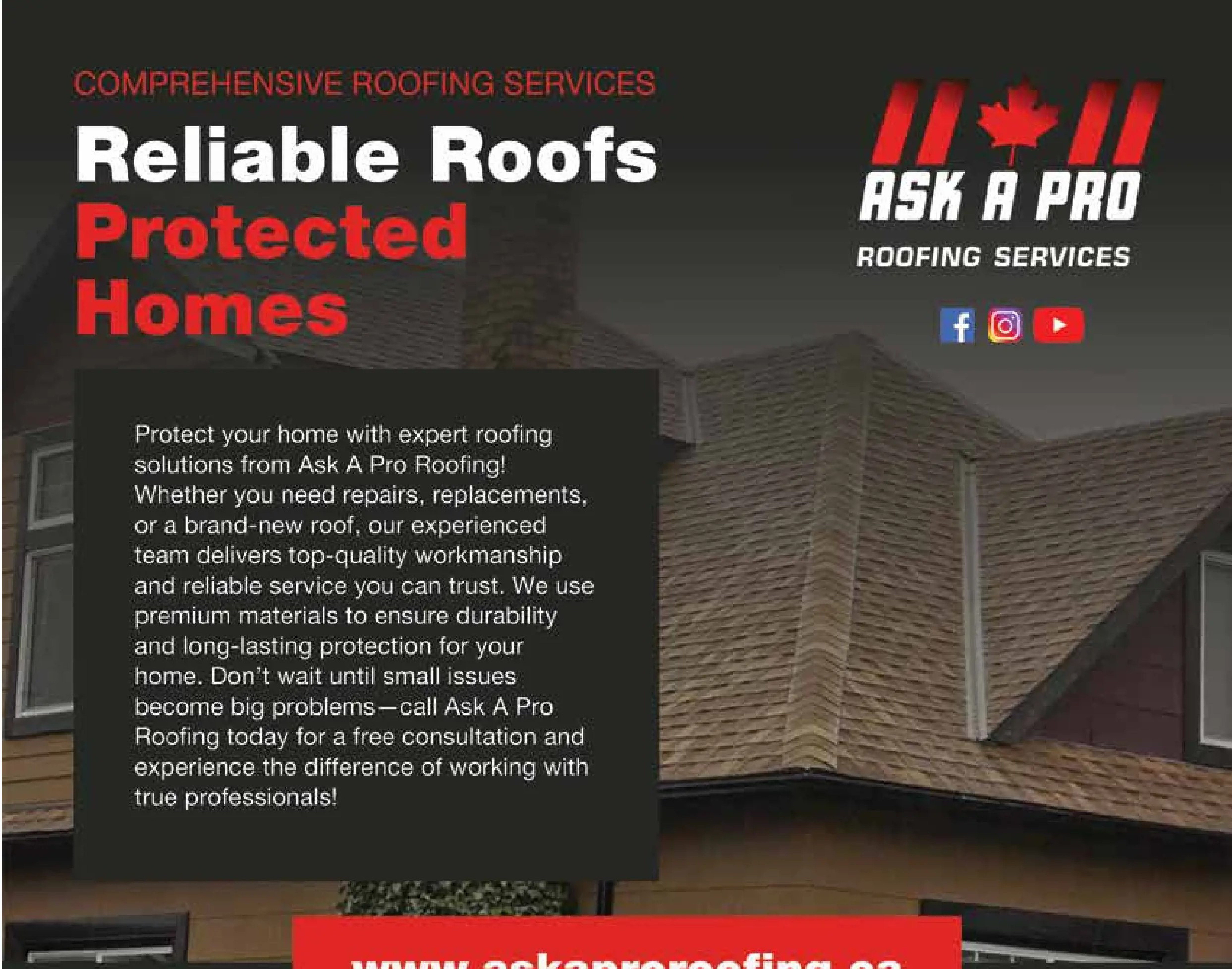


A well-designed outdoor space goes beyond aesthetics—it transforms into a seamless extension of your home, combining functionality, warmth, and personal style. Hamilton Green Landscaping brought this vision to life with one of their most remarkable projects yet.



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21%

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17%

Would add a hot tub.

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"Fave backyard activity is using water balloons with kids" - @rolof.tara

"Relaxing on the porch with my cat!" - @seafoodmwg (because fur babies are family too)

"My patio chair, my family and a fireplace" - @smithcake1775

GET IT DONE

Designing a pool area at home can transform your backyard into a relaxing oasis. Here are some tips to create a beautiful and functional pool area:

FUNCTIONALITY: Create zones for lounging, dining, and swimming. Ensure safety with non-slip surfaces and proper access.

LANDSCAPING: Use greenery, trees, and plants for a tropical feel. Add privacy screens and soft lighting for ambiance.

POOL DESIGN: Choose a shape that fits your space, and consider water features like fountains or a spa.

SEATING: Add comfy lounge chairs, shaded areas, and an outdoor dining space.

ENTERTAINMENT: Set up a BBQ, outdoor speakers, or a fire pit for added enjoyment.

COLOR PALETTE: Choose colors that complement your home and surrounding area.

PERSONAL TOUCHES: Add decor, pillows, and stylish accessories.

MAINTENANCE: Use easy-to-clean materials and include storage for pool items.

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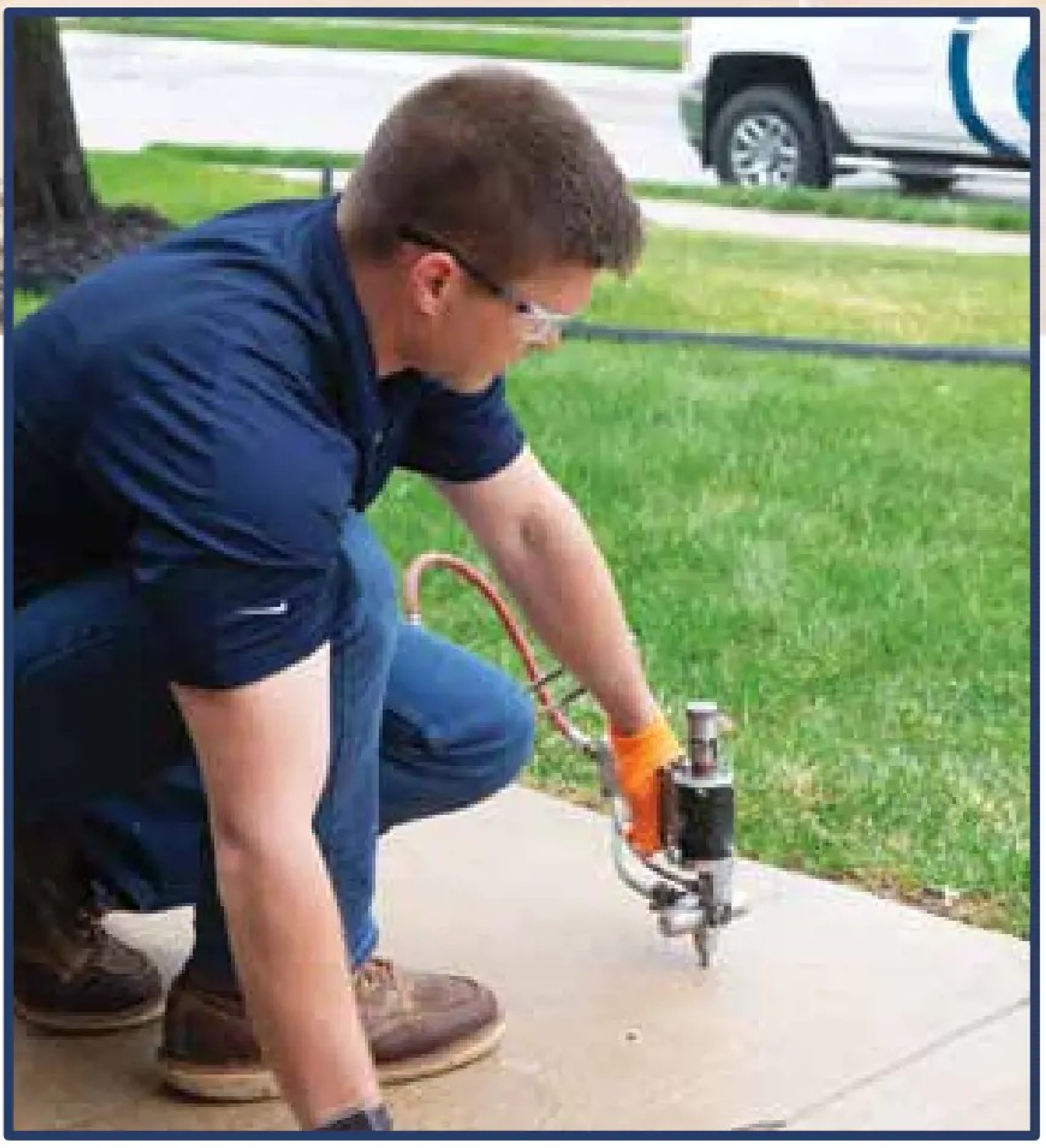

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TREND WATCH

Updating your exterior this Spring? Here are some of the top exterior design trends for 2025!

This home features a modern farmhouse style with JELD-WEN® windows and doors in a warm, earthy espresso color.

Exterior design trends are constantly evolving as people seek to make their homes stand out, while also incorporating sustainability and functionality. Here are some of the top exterior design trends for 2025:

Sustainability: Homeowners are opting for sustainable options like recycled wood, reclaimed brick, and eco-friendly roofing materials. Green roofing and solar panels are also gaining popularity. Windows that offer increased energy efficiency are also important, offering lower utility costs and improved comfort within your home as well.

Low Maintenance: Materials that require minimal maintenance and increased durability allow homeowners to spend more time enjoying their home and less time maintaining! Windows such as the JCW8500 Series and JCW8500 Hybrid Series from JELD-WEN® offer low maintenance materials such as vinyl and aluminum cladding for the perfect blend of durability and hassle-free maintenance with a modern aesthetic.

Trending Colors: Deep, warm shades like espresso, claystone and chestnut bronze are in demand for both the home's exterior and accents like doors or window frames. Additionally, many people are going for a monochromatic look, using varying shades of one color to give the home a sleek, cohesive feel.

Minimalist Design Clean lines and simple facades are dominating the modern aesthetic. Large, rectangular windows and unembellished forms are paired with subtle textures and colors for a streamlined look.

Smart Technology: Exterior design is incorporating smart home technology such as smart lighting, security systems, and automated gates, all integrated into the overall design without disrupting the aesthetic.

Modern Farmhouse & Industrial Styles: The farmhouse trend remains strong, with a modern twist. Whitewashed wood, metal elements, and oversized front porches continue to be a popular choice. In urban settings, industrial styles with exposed brick, steel framing, and large windows are becoming more common in residential designs.

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Is Your Roof Trying to Tell You Something?

5 Signs It Needs Immediate Attention

Your roof plays a crucial role in protecting your home, but over time, wear and tear can lead to problems that shouldn't be ignored. Catching issues early can save you from costly repairs down the road. Here are five key warning signs that your roof needs attention sooner rather than later.

1. Missing or Damaged Shingles

High winds, heavy rain, and years of exposure can cause shingles to crack, curl, or go missing. If you spot bare patches or loose shingles in your yard, your roof's defense is compromised, making it vulnerable to water damage.

2. Leaks & Water Stains

Notice dark spots on your ceiling or walls? Even a small leak can lead to mold growth and structural damage over time. Regular roof checks can help catch minor issues before they escalate.

3. A Sagging Roofline

A roof that dips or sags is a red flag for trapped moisture, rot, or weakened supports. Left unchecked, this can lead to significant structural problems—so it's best to call in a professional right away.

4. Excess Granules in Gutters

Asphalt shingles shed granules over time, but if you're seeing an excessive buildup in your gutters, it may be a sign that your roof's protective layer is breaking down, leaving it more susceptible to harsh weather.

5. Moss and Algae Growth

While moss and algae may seem like nothing more than a cosmetic issue, they can trap moisture and accelerate roof deterioration. Keeping your roof clear can help extend its lifespan.

If you've noticed any of these warning signs, it's time to take action. A professional inspection can help ensure your roof stays in top shape, protecting your home for years to come.

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One of the standout features of the Saniflo Sanivite is its ability to pump waste up to 16 feet vertically and 150 feet horizontally, providing remarkable flexibility for home projects. Its slim design allows it to fit neatly inside a kitchen cabinet or vanity, making it an ideal solution for maximizing space. Unlike traditional drainage systems, the Saniflo Sanivite is built to handle hot water and grease, making it particularly well-suited for demanding applications such as kitchens or laundry rooms. - *SFA Saniflo, www.sfasaniflo.ca*

Insider Info

Mineral deposits and debris can clog your gray water drain pump over time, reducing efficiency. Regular descaling with a manufacturer-approved solution or a vinegar-water mix prevents buildup and ensures smooth operation. This simple maintenance extends your pump's lifespan and keeps your drainage system running efficiently.

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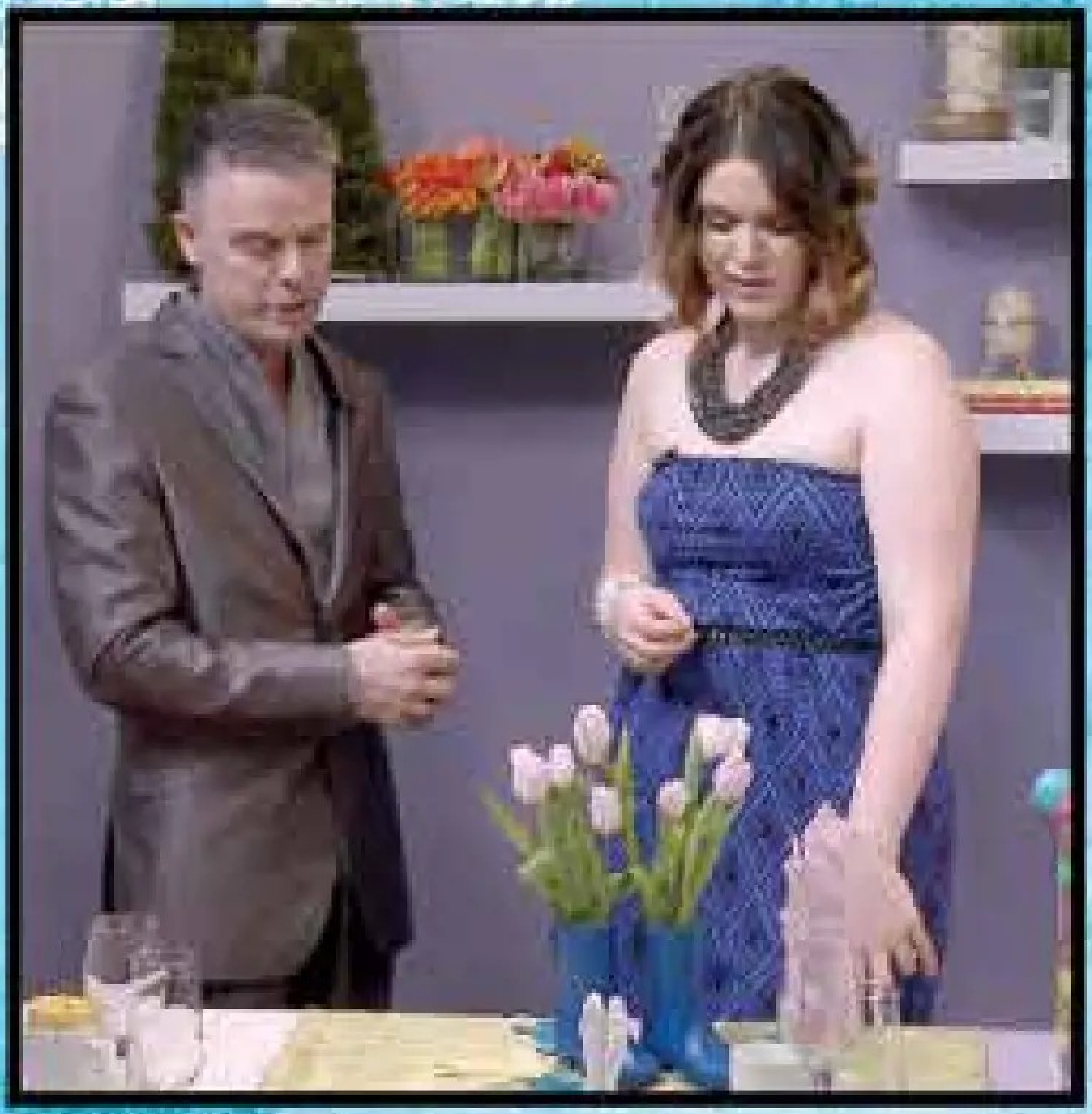

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A well-designed basement adds living space, storage, and value while enhancing comfort and energy efficiency. To prevent moisture issues, seal cracks, use a dehumidifier, maintain your sump pump, and ensure proper window well installation. With the right precautions, your basement can remain a secure and comfortable space for years.

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Basement Leaks from Window Wells

Window wells are a major cause of basement water leaks, increasing flood risk. Professional waterproofing solutions can prevent costly damage.

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Cracks Along Window Wells

Window wells weaken over time, developing cracks that allow water seepage. Proper waterproofing is essential to prevent leaks.

③

Cinder Block Wall Cracks

Aging cinder block foundations develop mortar cracks, allowing water intrusion. Timely repairs can prevent basement flooding.

④

Sump Pump Failures

Improper installation, aging, or poor-quality sump pumps can lead to failures. Reliable systems with backups and alarms ensure protection.

⑤

Drain & Sewer Backups

Backups from roots or broken pipes can let sewage into your basement. If water rises from drains, call a professional immediately.

⑥

Concrete Slab Cracks

Hydrostatic pressure or shrinkage can crack basement slabs, leading to leaks. White powder around cracks signals water pressure issues.

⑦

Weeping Tile Failures

Clogged or broken weeping tiles cause water buildup, leading to leaks at the base of walls or floors. Regular maintenance is key.

⑧

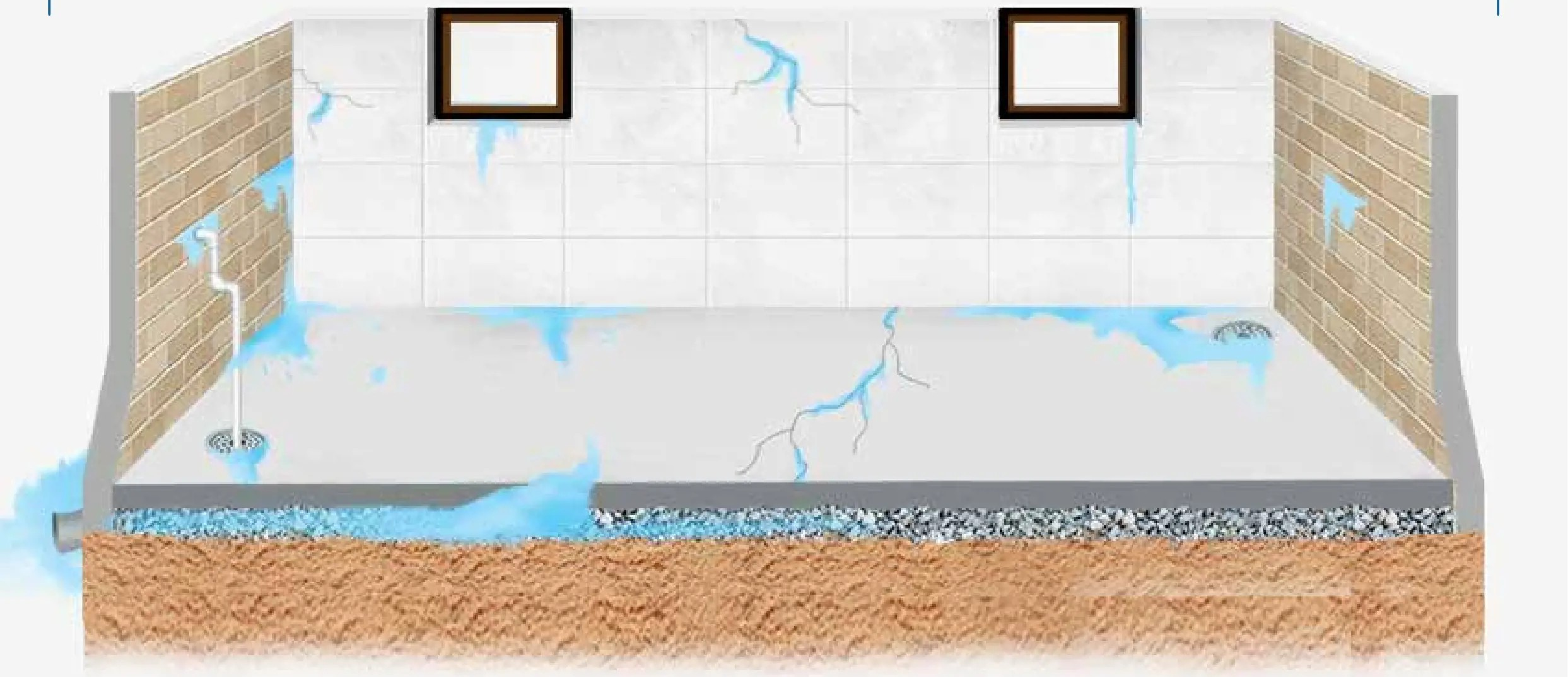
Cracked Foundation

Foundation cracks act like reversed swimming pools—water seeps in when it hits a crack. Address immediately to prevent serious leaks.

⑨

Leakage at the footing

Leakage at the footing can be caused by a failed weeping tile or a crack in the cinder block foundation, letting water seep into the blocks. A professional can assess the situation and identify the exact cause for an effective solution.



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KEY FEATURES OF THERMAL CORKSHIELD®

Improved Efficiency: Thermal CorkShield® helps to regulate indoor temperatures, reducing the strain on heating and cooling systems, and ultimately lowering energy bills. Plus, its breathable, moisture-resistant properties make it ideal for Canada's diverse climate—keeping homes warm in winter and cool in summer.

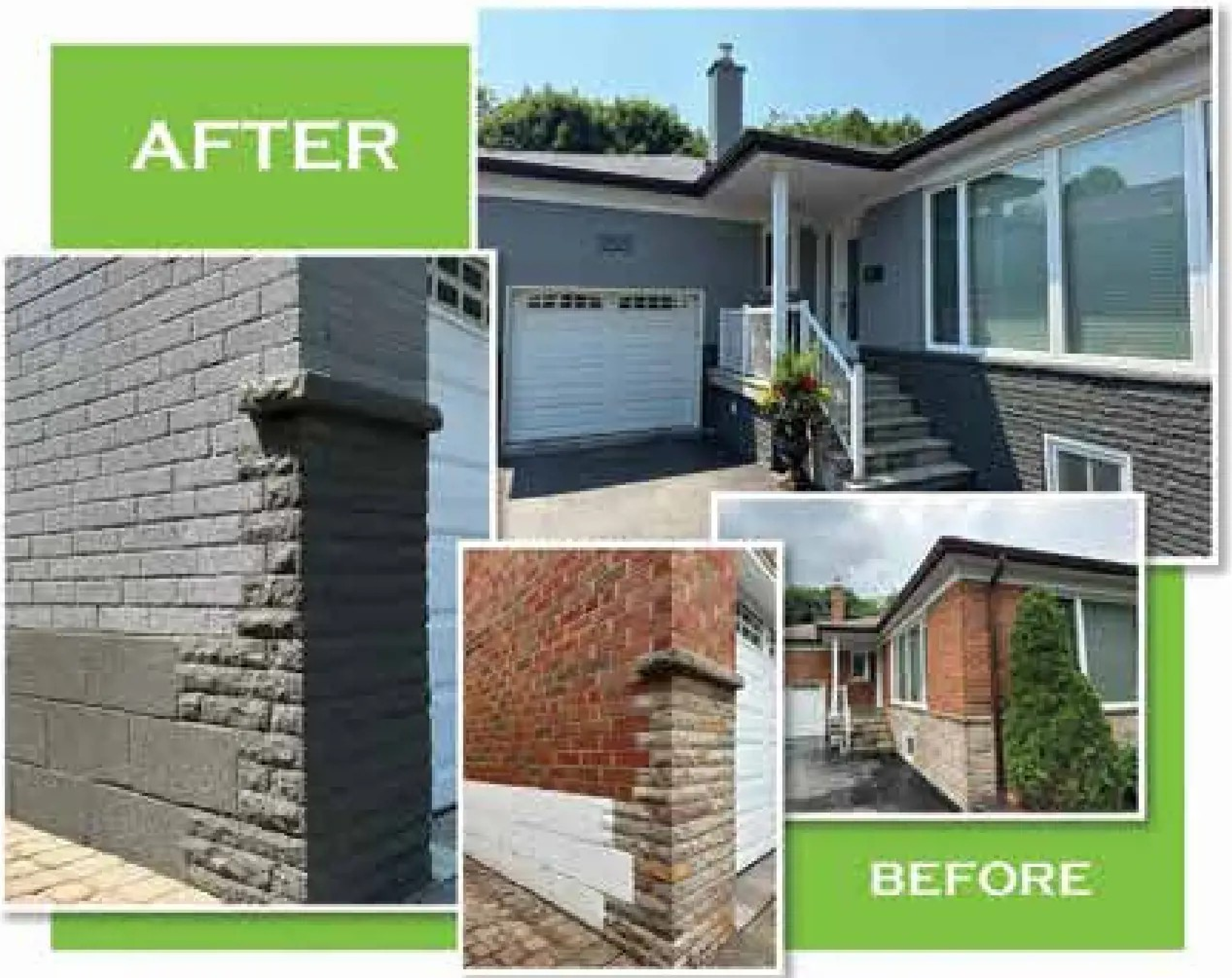
Low-Maintenance Durability: Vipeq's Thermal CorkShield® is durable and low-maintenance, resisting cracking, fading, and peeling over time. That means homeowners can enjoy a beautiful, high-performance exterior without the hassle of frequent upkeep.

Designer Finish: Thermal CorkShield® adds texture and depth to exteriors, offering a sophisticated, natural finish that blends seamlessly with modern and traditional home styles alike.

BUILDING OR RENOVATING!

While Thermal CorkShield® is a fantastic choice for new builds, it is also a great choice when updating or renovating an older home! It can be applied on a variety of existing surfaces and the wide variety of shades available ensures there is an option available that will complement your existing exterior whether it is modern or traditional.

For those looking to invest in a long-lasting, stylish, and sustainable upgrade, Vipeq's Thermal CorkShield® is a smart choice - proof that functional design and aesthetic appeal can go hand in hand. - Vipeq West, www.vipeq.ca



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Elevate Your Wellness with Better Sleep

Wellness is more than just healthy eating and exercise. It's about nurturing your body and mind in every way, and that includes quality sleep. A restful night is the foundation of overall well-being, helping to reduce stress, improve mood, and support long-term health.

One of the simplest ways to enhance your sleep is by upgrading to a supportive, high-quality mattress. The **Luna Mattress from Polysleep** is expertly designed to provide the perfect blend of comfort and support, ensuring you wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day.

A good night's sleep does more than just leave you feeling energized. It strengthens your immune system, sharpens focus, and helps your body recover from daily stressors. On the flip side, poor sleep can lead to fatigue, increased anxiety, and even long-term health concerns.

Prioritizing your wellness starts with investing in better rest. Whether you want to boost productivity, improve overall health, or simply feel your best every day, choosing a high-quality mattress like the Luna can make all the difference because when you sleep better, you live better. - *Polysleep, www.polysleep.ca*

Say hello to better sleep and relaxation with the Polysleep Wedge Pillow! Crafted with premium hybrid foam and a KulKote® cooling layer, this pillow is designed to provide ultimate support and comfort. Whether you're dealing with sleep apnea, acid reflux, snoring, or general discomfort, the Wedge Pillow can make a world of difference overnight. Plus, it's perfect for propping yourself up while reading, watching TV, or simply unwinding after a long day.

Master Your *smile*

Mastering your brushing and flossing technique is key to a healthy, radiant smile! Here's how to do it right with expert tips from Solo Dental.

BRUSHING: PERFECTING YOUR TECHNIQUE

Brushing your teeth twice daily is fundamental, but how you brush is just as important as how often.

HERE'S THE RIGHT WAY TO BRUSH:

- **Choose the Right Toothbrush:** A soft-bristled toothbrush that fits comfortably in your mouth is ideal. Consider an electric or mechanical toothbrush, including ultrasonic brushes.
- **Correct Angle:** Hold your toothbrush at a 45-degree angle to your gums.
- **Gentle, Circular Motions:** Clean each tooth with small, circular motions, avoiding harsh scrubbing to protect your gums and enamel.
- **Two-Minute Rule:** Brush for a full two minutes, covering the fronts, backs, and chewing surfaces of all your teeth. Most electric toothbrushes have a built-in timer.
- **Don't Forget Your Tongue:** Our tongue traps and harbors an array of bacteria. Gently brushing your tongue daily helps keep your breath fresh. Avoid excessive scrubbing.

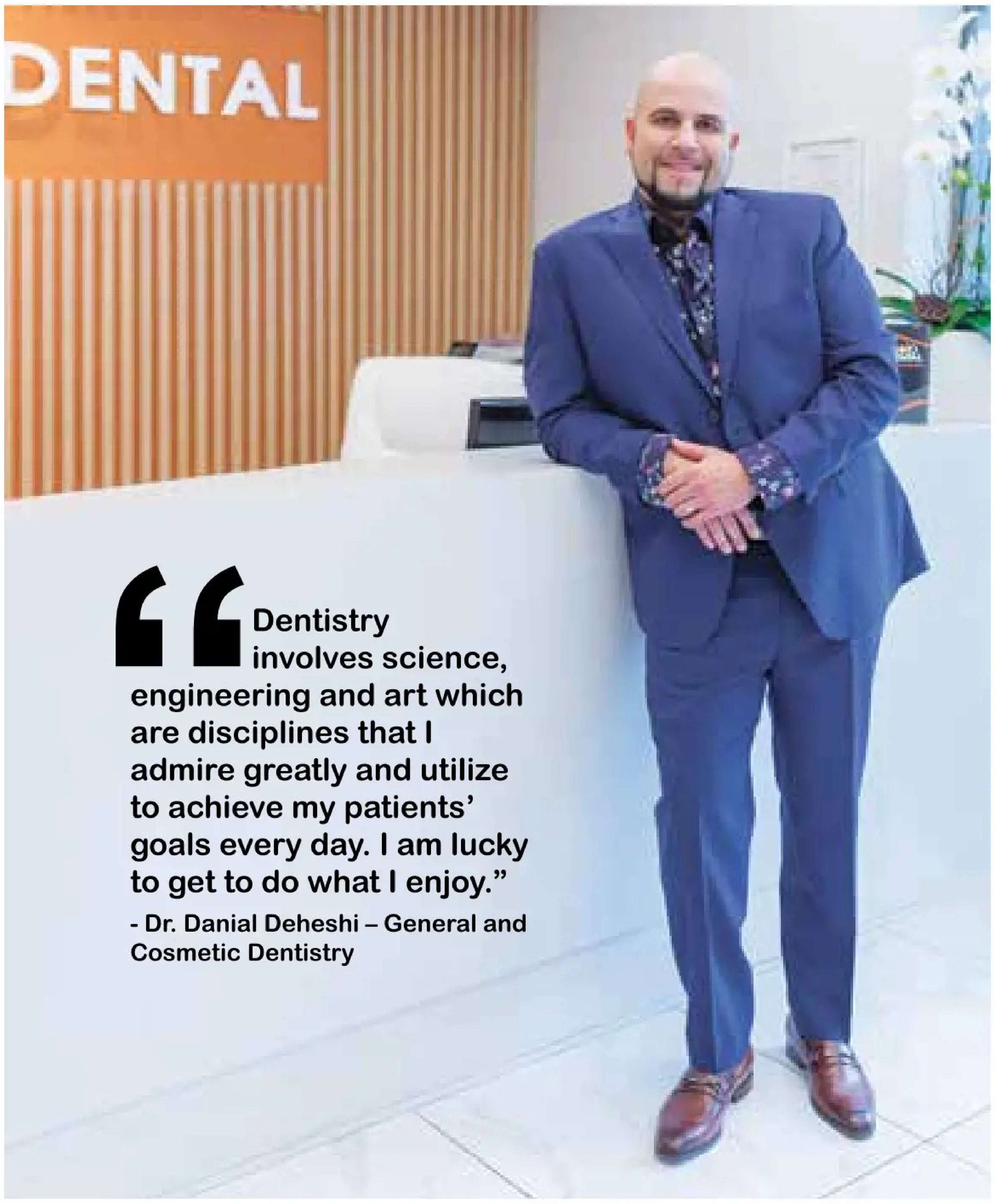
FLOSSING: ARE YOU DOING IT RIGHT?

If you want a healthier smile, make sure you're flossing the right way!

SIMPLE TIPS FOR FLOSSING

- **Choose Your Floss:** Waxed, unwaxed, or dental tape; pick what feels best for you.
- **Use Enough Floss:** Cut about 18 inches and wrap most around your fingers, leaving a small section to use.
- **Be Gentle:** Slide floss between teeth carefully, avoiding harsh snapping.
- **Curve Around Each Tooth:** Form a C-shape and glide the floss up and down.

Flossing the right way helps prevent cavities, gum disease, and bad breath. Follow these simple steps, and your smile will thank you! *- Solo Dental, www.solodental.ca*



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> **- Dr. Danial Deheshi – General and Cosmetic Dentistry**

Mocha Mousse & The Evolution of Color:

How Pantone's 2025 Palette is Shaping Fashion

Regan Bueti

As we step into spring, the colors we wear aren't just about aesthetics—they reflect our mood, values, and even how we navigate the world. This season, Pantone's Mocha Mousse leads the charge, bringing warmth, comfort, and a sense of grounding to fashion. But it doesn't stand alone. A rich palette of earthy neutrals, soft pastels, and vibrant nature-inspired hues is influencing the biggest trends of Spring 2025.

The Rise of Relaxed Tailoring

With tones like **Mocha Mousse and Transcendent Pink**, we're seeing a shift toward **easy, fluid silhouettes**—think **wide-leg trousers, soft blazers, and draped dresses** that exude confidence without sacrificing comfort. These hues make power dressing feel approachable, with warm neutrals replacing stark blacks and grays.

Sustainable & Organic-Inspired Styles

Colors like Aquatic Awe and Ray Flower are inspired by the ocean and sun, reflecting fashion's continued embrace of sustainability. This season, expect to see natural fabrics like linen, lightweight knits, and breezy cottons, along with earthy textures, crochet details, and botanical prints that feel fresh and grounded.

Mixing Soft & Bold

Spring 2025 is all about the **unexpected pairings—Transcendent Pink with Sunset Coral, Future Dusk with Ray Flower**—blending pastels with rich, mood-boosting brights. This trend is bringing **bold accessories, statement handbags, and color-blocked outfits** into the spotlight, allowing for **individual expression and personal creativity**

Versatility First

With gender-neutral shades dominating the season, we're seeing a rise in **unisex staples**—oversized shirts, tailored vests, and flowy knitwear that work across all wardrobes. The influence of **moody blues, warm browns, and soft pinks** creates a balance between **structure and ease**, allowing pieces to be worn in multiple ways.

A Feel-Good Approach to Fashion

More than ever, color is about emotion. As we navigate a world that feels fast-paced and unpredictable, shades like **Mocha Mousse provide warmth and nostalgia**, while hues like **Ray Flower and Aquatic Awe uplift and energize**. The result? A season of fashion that **feels as good as it looks**.

Spring 2025 is shaping up to be **thoughtful, expressive, and deeply connected to nature.** With Pantone's palette guiding the way, expect to see these trends not just in clothing, but in accessories, beauty, and even home design. **Which color will you be embracing this season?**

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BLACKENED SNAPPER
with mango salsa

Blackened Snapper with Mango Salsa that's bursting with vibrant flavors. It's a perfect blend of smoky, spicy, and sweet, offering a taste of the tropics that's both refreshing and satisfying. Whether you're planning a casual weeknight dinner or entertaining guests, this dish brings the sunshine to your table. The snapper is seared to perfection with a bold Cajun seasoning, while the mango salsa adds a cool, zesty contrast.

For the Blackened Snapper:

4	snapper fillets (6–8 oz each)
2 tbsp	olive oil
2 tbsp	Cajun or blackening seasoning
1 tsp	smoked paprika (optional for extra smokiness)
1/2 tsp	salt (optional, depending on your seasoning mix)

For the Mango Salsa:

1	ripe mango, diced
1/2	red bell pepper, diced
1/4	red onion, finely chopped
1	jalapeño, finely diced (adjust for spice level)
2 tbsp	fresh cilantro, chopped
	Juice of 1 lime
	Salt to taste

Prepare the Mango Salsa:

In a medium bowl, combine the diced mango, red bell pepper, red onion, jalapeño, and cilantro.

Squeeze in the lime juice and season with a pinch of salt. Mix well and set aside to let the flavors meld.

Season the Snapper:

Pat the snapper fillets dry with a paper towel. Generously coat each fillet with the Cajun or blackening seasoning, ensuring an even layer.

Cook the Snapper:

Heat a large cast-iron, stainless steel ,or non-stick pan over medium-high heat. Once hot, add a drizzle of cooking oil to the pan.

Place the snapper fillets in the pan. Cook for about 2–3 minutes per side, or until the fish is opaque and flakes easily with a fork.

Serve:

Plate the blackened snapper and top each fillet with a generous scoop of mango salsa. Garnish with extra cilantro, if desired.

Make your own blackening seasoning

1 tbsp	smoked paprika
1 tsp	garlic powder
1 tsp	onion powder
1 tsp	dried thyme
1 tsp	dried oregano
1 tsp	cayenne pepper (adjust for heat preference)
1/2 tsp	ground black pepper
1/2 tsp	sea salt

Pair this dish with coconut rice or a crisp green salad to complete the meal.

If you can't find snapper, other firm white fish like grouper, mahi mahi, or tilapia work well too.

CRANBERRY BRIE *flatbread*

INGREDIENTS

¼ cup	THE BOG Cranberry Pepper Jelly
1	small wheel of double cream brie
1	medium to large sweet red onion
½ cup	arugula
¼ cup	THE BOG Sweetened Dried Cranberries
¼ cup	walnuts (or walnut pieces)
1 ½ tbsp	olive oil
1 ½ tbsp	sugar
1	flatbread
	Fresh rosemary sprigs

DIRECTIONS

Caramelize the Onions:

Slice the onion into ½-inch thick rings and separate.

Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a non-stick pan over medium heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring occasionally to prevent burning.

Once the onions turn translucent, sprinkle with 1 tsp of sugar and continue cooking until golden and caramelized. Set aside.

Candy the Walnuts & Rosemary:

Roughly chop the fresh rosemary and walnuts.

In a small non-stick pan, heat ½ tbsp olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the walnuts, rosemary, ½ tsp sugar, and a pinch of salt.

Toast for 2-3 minutes, stirring frequently until fragrant. Set aside.

Assemble the Flatbread:

Toast the flatbread under the broiler or in a toaster oven, top-side down, until lightly crisped.

Spread the cranberry pepper jelly evenly over the toasted side.

Layer with caramelized onions.

Add the Brie and Melt:

Slice the brie into ½-inch thick pieces and arrange evenly over the onions.

Place under the broiler or toaster oven's top element for a few minutes, just until the brie softens but does not brown.

Finish and Serve:

Top with fresh arugula, sweetened dried cranberries, and the candied rosemary walnuts.

Slice into wedges and serve warm.

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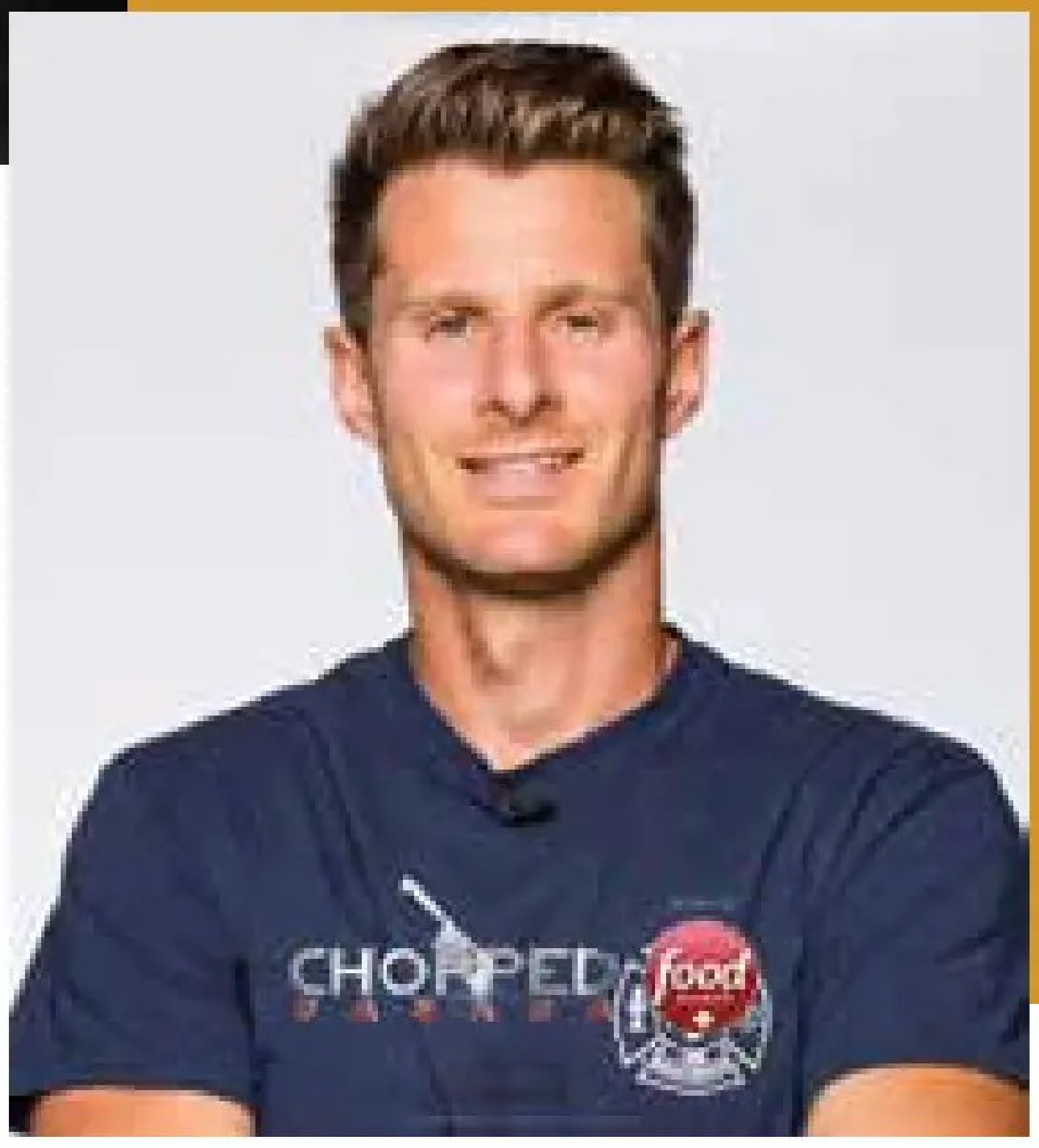

Michael Varga

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Ingredients

2-3	mild Italian sausages
500 gr	pack gnocchi
1 pack	fresh sage
1	small / medium butternut squash diced into small cubes (2 1/2 cups)
2	small shallots
1/2 cup	pine nuts
1/2 cup	fresh Parmesan plus extra for garnish
1/2 cup	heavy cream
2 Tbsp.	sherry cooking wine
1	brick unsalted butter
	Olive oil

Directions

In a pot of boiling water, cook gnocchi to package instructions. Remove gnocchi from water and place in a bowl. Toss with olive oil to prevent sticking and set aside. Reserve 1/2 cup of pasta water.

On medium heat in a pan, add 3 tablespoons of butter and 4 sage leaves. The sage will infuse the butter. Once fully melted, add in diced shallots and small cubes of butternut squash. Turn heat to medium high and saute for approximately 6-7 minutes. Deglaze with the sherry wine vinegar. Add in your decased sausage and form it into small meatballs. Continue to cook until the sausage gets crispy edges and is cooked through.

Remove the squash and sausage mixture and place in a bowl. Add olive oil into the same pan and on medium high heat, add the cooked gnocchi. If your pan is too small, do it in batches. Crisp up the gnocchi on one side and toss.

At this point add in the sausage and squash mixture.

Add in the cream, 2 tablespoons of butter and the Parmesan. Toss until everything is well coated. Add in pasta water as needed (Start with 1/4 cup). Toss in the pan until the sauce is slightly reduced.

Finish by placing the gnocchi in a bowl and garnishing it with, toasted pine nuts, crispy sage leaves, Parmesan and a little flaky salt.

Celebrate with Handcrafted Cookies

While the holiday season may be the go-to time for gifting, there's something truly special about surprising your loved ones with thoughtful gifts year-round. Whether it's a simple gesture or a little indulgence, the act of giving fosters connection and strengthens relationships in ways that no special occasion can quite replicate.

One of the easiest (and most delightful) ways to show you care is through the art of unexpected treats. Take a page from Mrs. Fields, who has long understood the magic of surprise with their melt-in-your-mouth cookies and treats. Imagine sending a basket of Mrs. Fields' fresh-baked cookies to a friend just because, delivering a cookie cake to a colleague's desk to brighten their day or giving a tin of nibblers as a pick-me-up for someone who's feeling overwhelmed, It's a gift that says, "I'm thinking of you," in the most delicious way.

Gifting throughout the year doesn't have to be just for special occasions or be grand and expensive; even a simple token of appreciation, like a jar of Mrs. Fields' famous cookies, can create a meaningful moment. After all, it's the little surprises that leave lasting memories and make the everyday extraordinary. *- Mrs. Fields, www.mrsfields.com*

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BREAKING FREE FROM CAFFEINE

Hooked on your daily coffee? You're not alone. Over 90% of adults consume caffeine regularly, but reliance can lead to sleep disruption, anxiety, and energy crashes.

The Downsides of Caffeine Dependence

While caffeine boosts focus, it can also:

- Disrupt sleep for up to 12 hours.
- Cause energy crashes after the initial high.
- Heighten anxiety and stress.
- Lead to withdrawal symptoms like headaches and irritability.

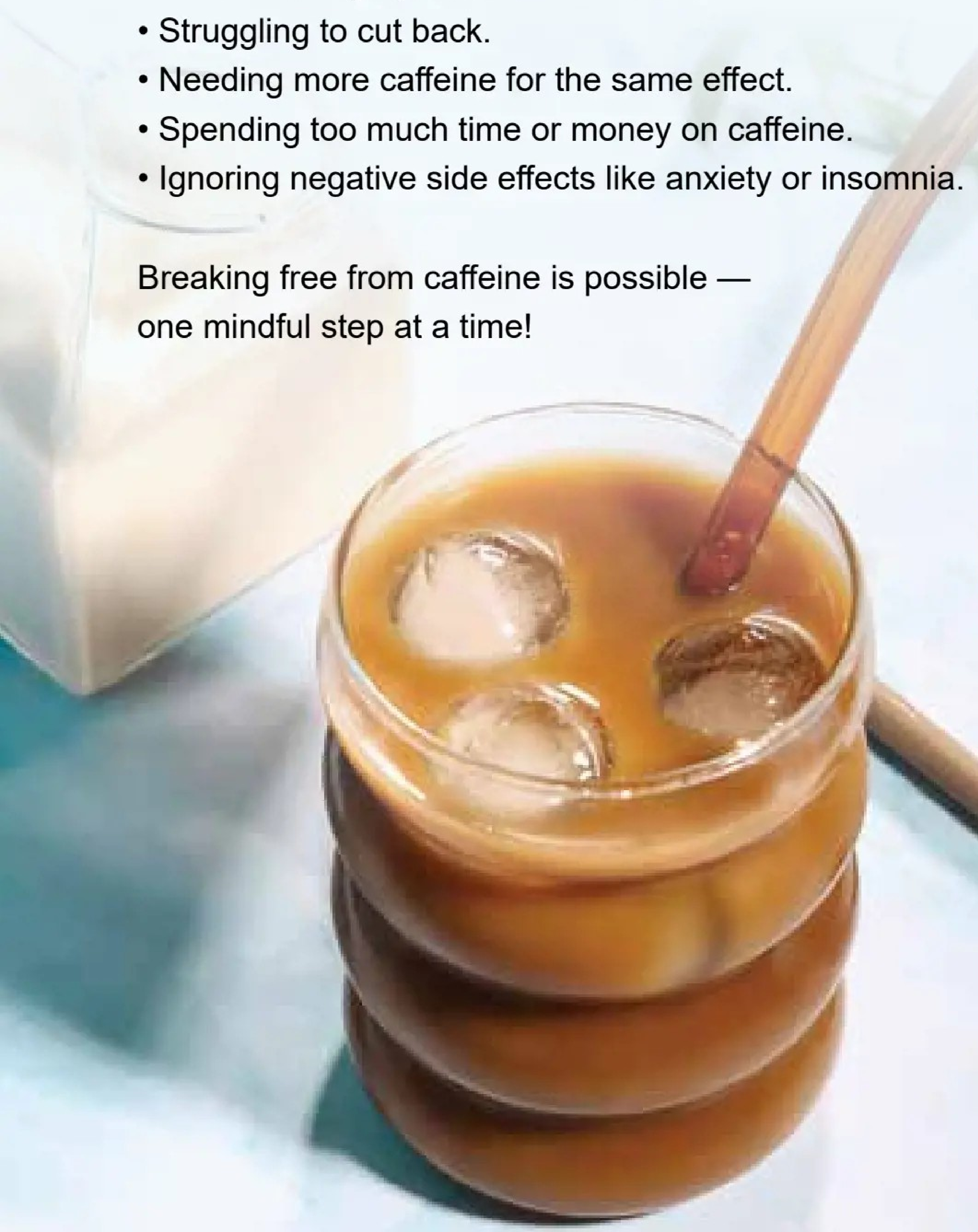
How to Cut Back

1. **Reduce Gradually** – Avoid quitting cold turkey. Cut down slowly to ease withdrawal.
2. **Find Alternatives** – Swap coffee for low-caffeine options like Chicobab™, a smooth, prebiotic-rich coffee alternative.
3. **Stay Hydrated** – Dehydration can mimic fatigue, making caffeine cravings worse.
4. **Create a Morning Ritual** – Replace coffee with herbal tea, a Chicobab™ latte, or a mindful practice.
5. **Identify Triggers** – Notice when you crave caffeine and replace it with a break, walk, or protein-rich snack.
6. **Be Kind to Yourself** – Progress over perfection. Small steps matter!

Signs of Dependence

- Withdrawal symptoms without caffeine.
- Struggling to cut back.
- Needing more caffeine for the same effect.
- Spending too much time or money on caffeine.
- Ignoring negative side effects like anxiety or insomnia.

Breaking free from caffeine is possible — one mindful step at a time!



Coffee Alternatives for a Better You

Giving up caffeine doesn't mean giving up enjoyment! There are plenty of alternatives to traditional coffee that cater to every taste preference.

Introducing Chicobab™

Chicobab™ is transforming how coffee lovers reduce their caffeine intake. Whether you're looking to cut back or quit, Chicobab™ offers a smooth, delicious flavor that mimics the satisfaction of coffee—exactly what you need to fuel your day.

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Fiery Shrimp Tacos with Lime Crema Slaw

INGREDIENTS

For the Shrimp

1 lbs	large or jumbo shrimp, peeled, deveined
1 tbsp	extra-virgin olive oil, divided
2 tbsp	TM Spice Co. Blaze seasoning
½	lime, freshly squeezed

For the Lime Crema Slaw

3 cups	cabbage, shredded (or slaw mix)
¼ cup	cilantro, chopped
1	clove garlic, minced
½	small jalapeño, seeds removed, finely chopped
¼ cup	plain Greek yogurt
1 tbsp	mayonnaise
1	large lime, freshly squeezed
¼ tsp	sea salt

For Assembling the Tacos

6 to 8	corn or flour tortillas
1	avocado, sliced
	Lime wedges

DIRECTIONS

Prepare the Shrimp:

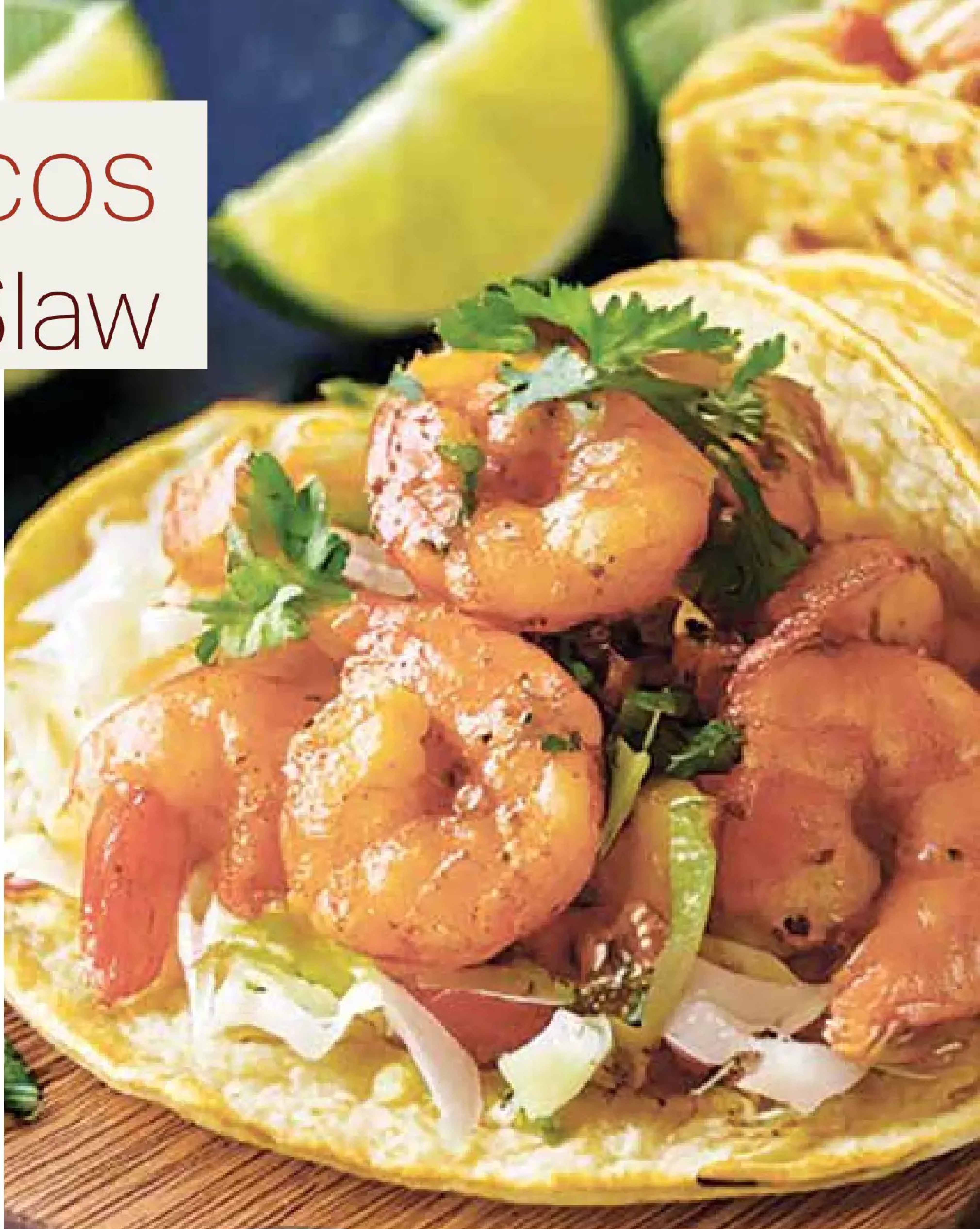
Rinse the shrimp and pat them dry.
Transfer them to a large mixing bowl, drizzle with ½ tablespoon of olive oil, and season with TM Spice Co. Blaze seasoning.
Squeeze fresh lime juice over the shrimp and toss to coat evenly
Heat a skillet over medium-high heat and add the remaining olive oil.
Cook the shrimp for 2–3 minutes per side, or until opaque and slightly charred. Remove from heat and set aside.

Make the Lime Crema Slaw:

In a large bowl, combine the shredded cabbage, cilantro, garlic, and jalapeño.
In a separate small bowl, whisk together Greek yogurt, mayonnaise, lime juice, and sea salt.
Pour half the dressing over the cabbage mixture and toss until evenly coated. Set the other half aside.

Assemble the Tacos:

Warm the tortillas in a dry skillet or directly over a flame until soft and slightly charred.
Spread the remaining dressing over the tortillas.
Divide the slaw evenly among the tortillas.
Top with cooked shrimp and slices of avocado.
Serve with lime wedges on the side.



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TM Spice Co.'s Blaze seasoning is the ultimate blend for adding bold, smoky heat to your favorite dishes. While it's the star of these fiery shrimp tacos, its versatility doesn't stop there!

TRY IT ON:

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INGREDIENTS

1	container Mother May I Classic Hummus
4 cups	mixed greens or lettuce
1	cucumber, diced
1 cup	cherry tomatoes, halved
1/2	red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup	black olives
1/2 cup	crumbled feta cheese
1/2 cup	couscous, cooked
	pita bread, for serving

FOR THE DRESSING:

2 tbsp	extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp	lemon juice
1/2 tsp	dried oregano
	Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS:

Arrange the mixed greens in a large bowl and place greens and couscous in the bowl.

Spoon the Mother May I Classic Hummus in the center of the plate, creating a well in the middle.

Arrange the cucumber, cherry tomatoes, red onion slices, black olives, and feta cheese around and on top of the hummus.

Whisk together the dressing ingredients and drizzle over the salad.

Serve with warmed pita bread on the side.

This recipe serves approximately 4 people as a light meal or 6 as a side dish. The beautiful presentation makes it perfect for entertaining while keeping preparation quick and simple.

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CREAMY CHIPOTLE DIP

Ingredients

1/2 cup	sour cream
1/2 cup	mayonnaise
1 Tbsp.	Gourmet Inspirations Smoke & Spice Rub

Directions

Mix thoroughly and enjoy!

AVOCADO HUMMUS DIP

Ingredients

1	ripe avocado
1 tub	regular hummus

Directions

Mash avocado. Mix in hummus. Garnish with pine nuts, cilantro, olive oil and enjoy!

VEGGIE FUSION DIP

Ingredients

1 Tbsp.	Gourmet Inspirations Veggie Fusion Dip Mix
1/2 cup	sour cream
1/2 cup	mayonnaise

Directions

Adjust dip mix quantity more or less to taste. Mix thoroughly and let stand at least 1 hour. For best results, marinated overnight.

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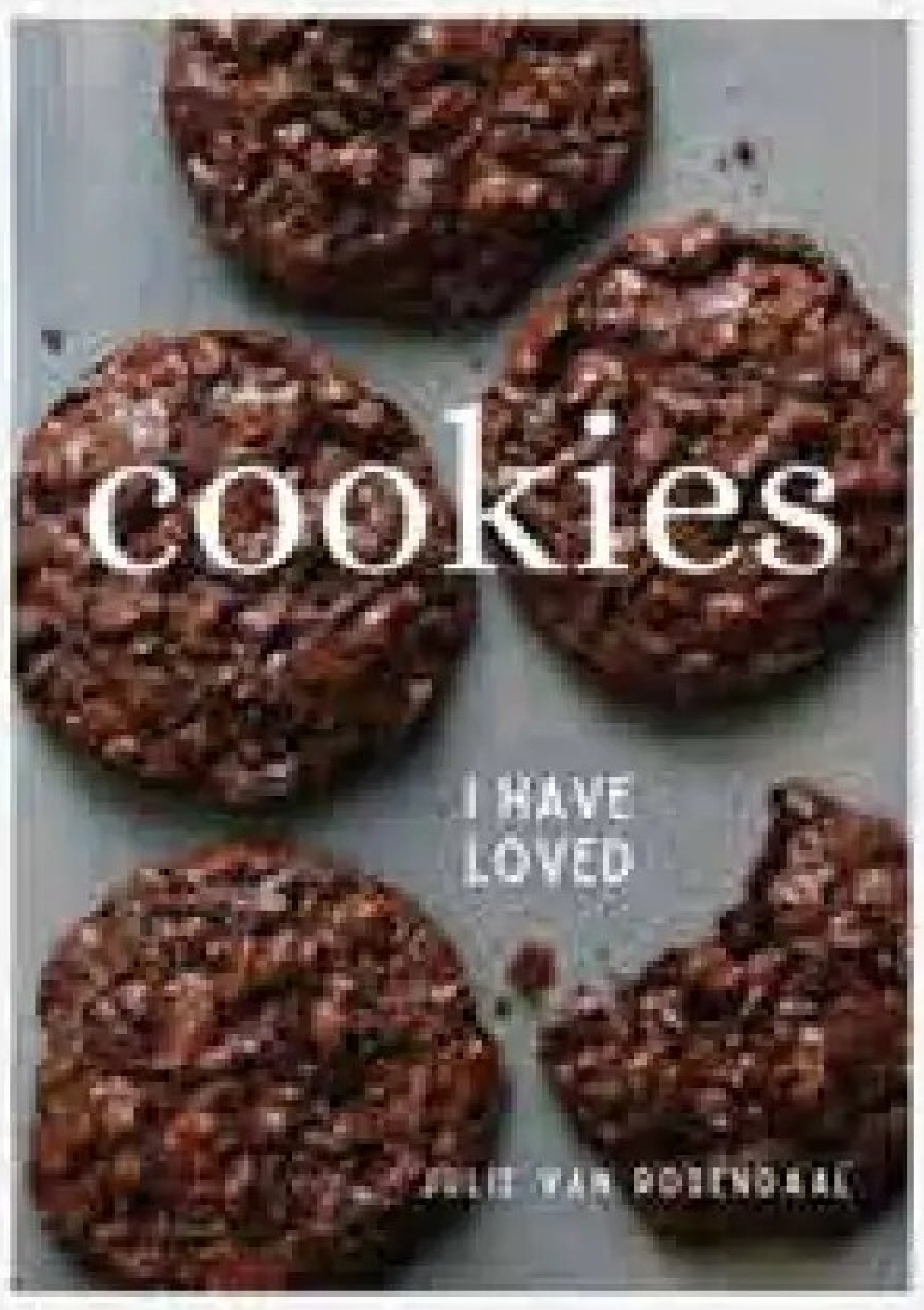

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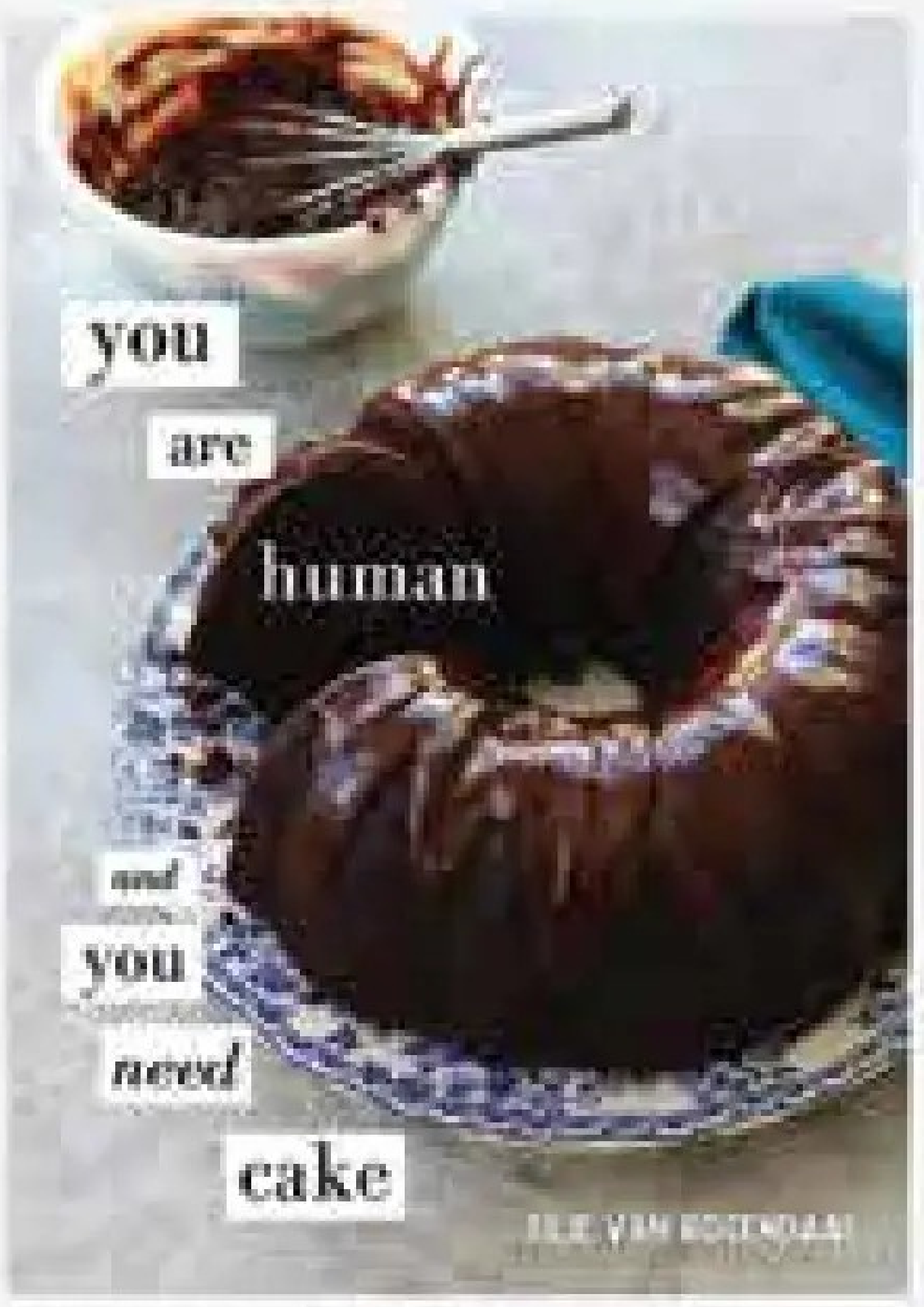

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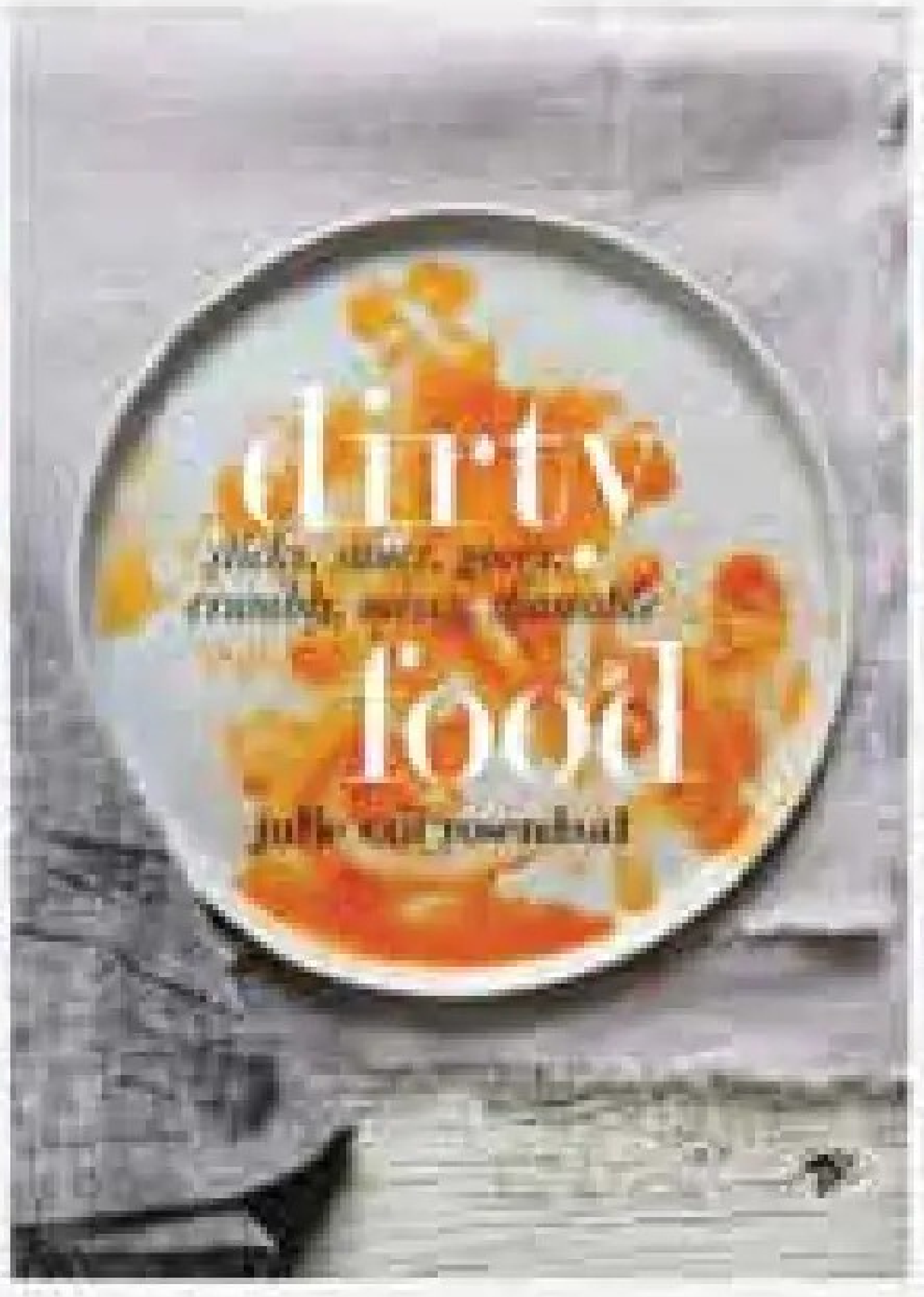

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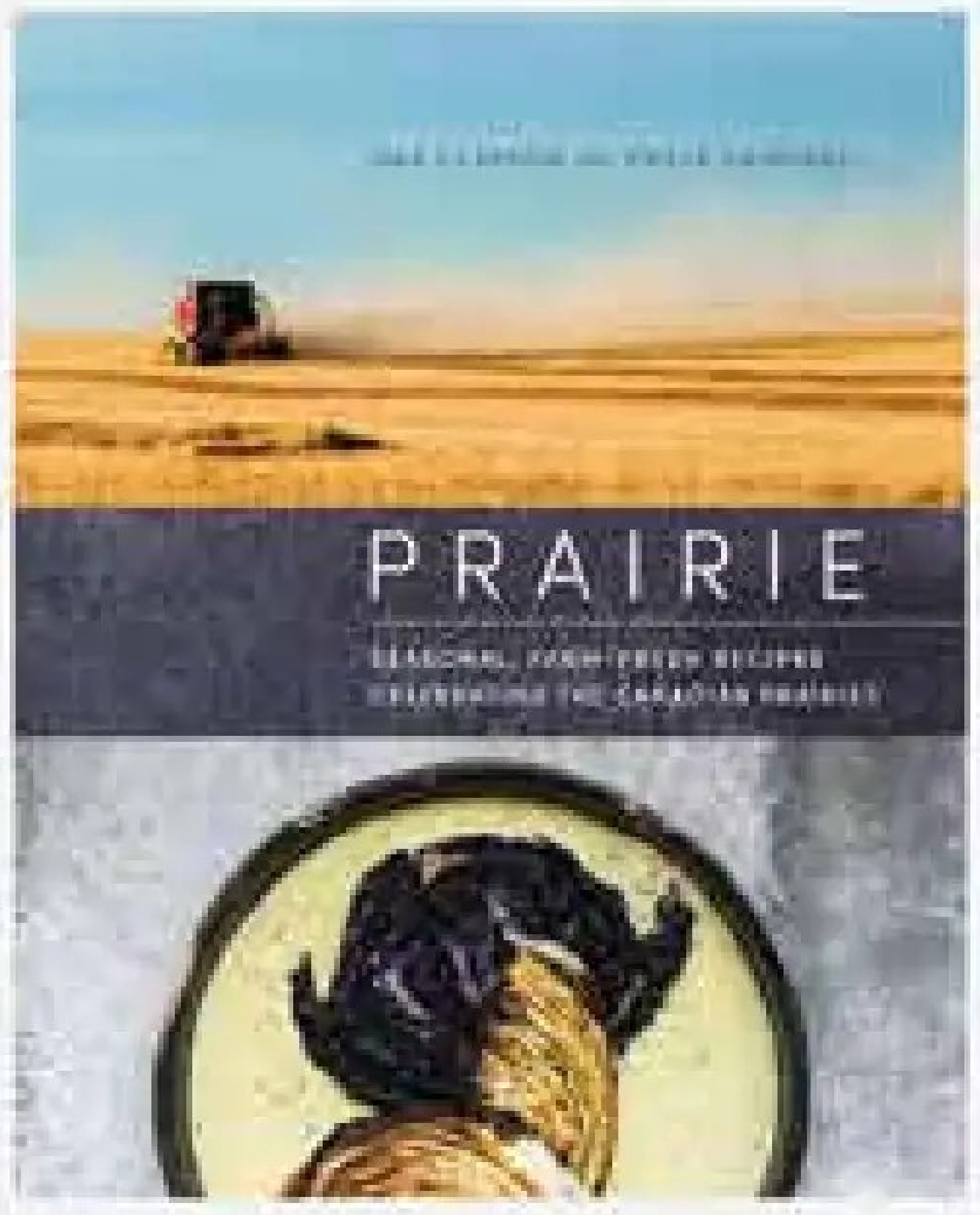

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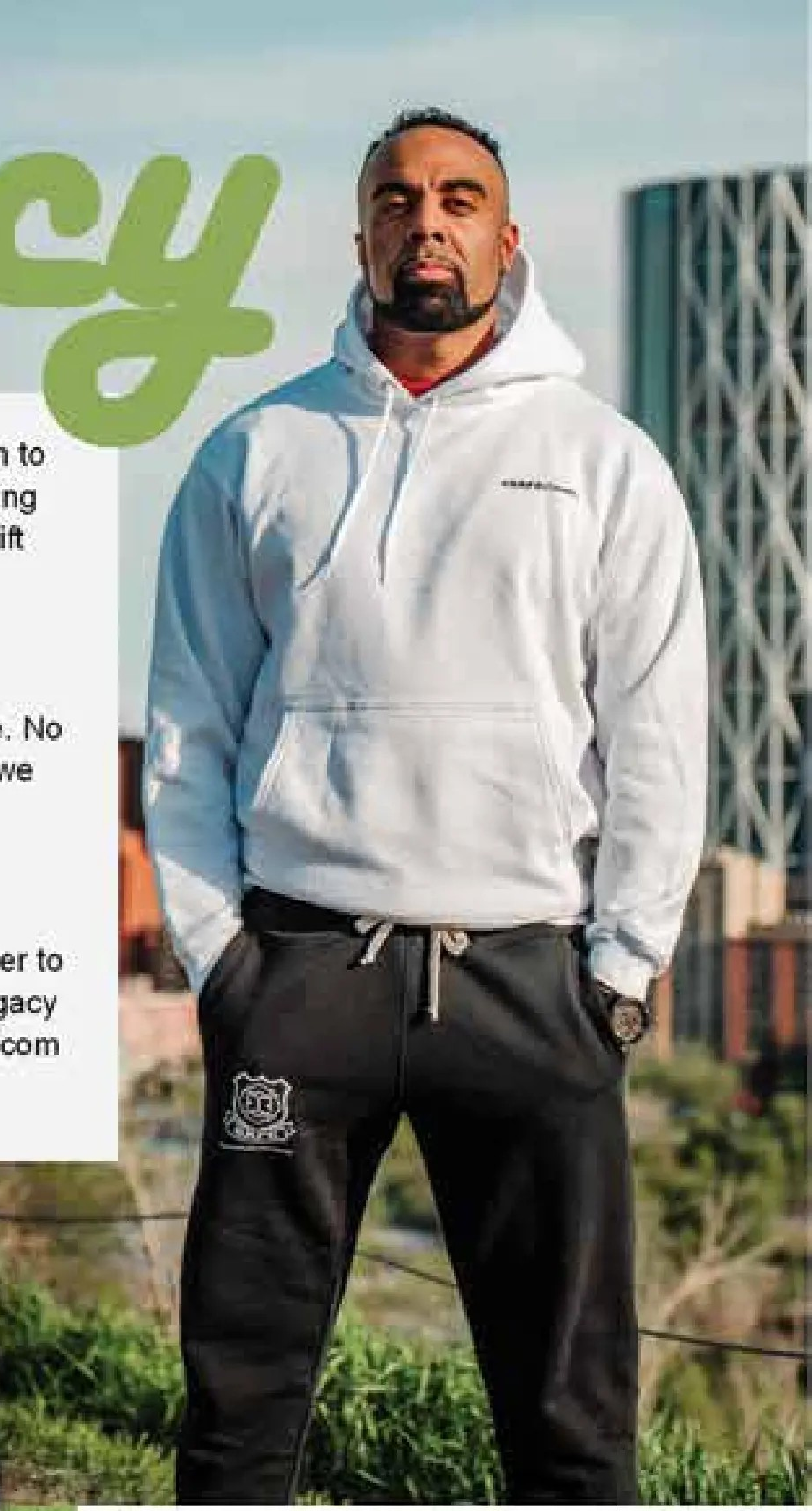
My hope is that my story reminds you of the incredible power we all hold to make a difference. No matter where you are or what challenges you face, there is always a way forward. Together, we can build a world where compassion, innovation, and empowerment guide us to a brighter tomorrow. These initiatives are about more than solving problems. They're about creating opportunities, fostering connection, and inspiring hope.

Every step forward begins with a small action. Whether you join us in Silent HEROE(s), partner to expand the REBUILD Program, or support access to clean water, you're helping to build a legacy of change. For more information or partnership inquiries, please contact justin@safe-canada.com



SAFE Canada: Standing with Our Everyday Heroes

First responders are the heart of our communities. They rush toward danger, saving lives and offering comfort in our darkest hours. But behind their bravery lies an often-overlooked truth: the immense toll their work takes on their mental health. Through partnerships with A&W Canada, GoodLife Fitness, Scotiabank, MenzLeague and KidsPlay Foundation, SAFE Canada creates a network of care, fostering resilience and healing for those who serve us selflessly. Key initiatives include **HEROE(s) Brew** (free coffee to uniformed first responders in partnership with A&W Canada), **HEROE(s) Vault** (mobile mental health unit servicing first responders in underserved areas) and **Silent HEROE(s)** (large-scale community walk that provides a powerful show of solidarity). - www.safe-canada.com

The REBUILD Program: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities

For individuals facing barriers to employment - whether due to age, disability, or past mistakes - the journey back into the workforce can feel overwhelming. The REBUILD Program will provide marginalized individuals with the tools, training, and support they need to find meaningful work. This will include certification training, mental health and fitness support and mobile outreach to rural and underserved communities.

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StepMap Studios: Reimagining Design Through Innovation

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Did You Know?

The Green Effect

To Clean or Not to Clean?

How often should we clean our floors and furnishings? Can we overdo it - or worse, neglect it entirely? While sustainability is top of mind in many areas, we often overlook the environmental impact of our cleaning habits. The truth is, how and when we clean affects both the lifespan of our furnishings and the planet. With 35 years of experience, Kevin Casey, aka The Cleaning Guy, shares expert cleaning tips to tackle tough stains and maintain a fresh, healthy home. Stay tuned for easy, effective advice to keep your space spotless!

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR CLEANING

A clean space isn't just about appearances - it's about health and longevity. Dust and allergens accumulate over time, impacting air quality. Carpets and upholstery act as filters but require proper maintenance to remain effective. A single square foot of carpet can hold up to a pound of dirt before looking dirty! Regular cleaning with eco-friendly, low-VOC solutions ensures a healthier environment while preserving your furnishings.

THE HIDDEN COST OF NEGLECT

Skipping routine maintenance shortens the lifespan of carpets and furniture, leading to premature disposal. In the U.S., carpets and rugs make up 3.5% of landfill waste - most made from synthetic materials that don't break down easily. Sustainable practices like proper maintenance, responsible disposal, and using quality protectors can help reduce this waste.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU CLEAN?

Residential:

* **Carpets:** Every 12–24 months
* **Furniture & Rugs:** Every 2–3 years
* **HVAC Filters:** Regularly, with duct cleaning every 2–3 years

Commercial:

* **Matting:** Invest in high-quality entrance mats
* **Regular Dry Cleaning:** Frequent vacuuming and debris removal
* **Low-Moisture Maintenance:** Target high-traffic areas
* **Restorative Cleaning:** Schedule periodic deep cleaning

By investing in maintenance over replacements, you not only save money but also contribute to a more sustainable future.

Stay tuned for my next article: To Protect or Not to Protect? The Green Effect Uncovered!

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Check and replace smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms

Proper smoke and CO alarm placement, maintenance and replacement are essential to keeping your home protected. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends installing alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, inside every bedroom and outside each sleeping area. For convenient protection, upgrade your alarms to a 10-year alarm with a sealed battery, like the First Alert 10-Year Battery Combination Smoke and CO Alarm – which eliminates the need for battery replacements for a decade.

Be prepared with fire extinguishing devices

In addition to having working smoke alarms, fire extinguishers are another important safety tool to have in your home. Fire extinguishers should be stored in easy-to-reach places and in key rooms where there is higher risk of fires starting, such as the kitchen and garage. An easy way to remember how to use a fire extinguisher is with the acronym PASS: Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism. Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire. Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly. Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

Upgrade to a smart thermostat

For efficient temperature control and energy savings, consider upgrading to a smart thermostat, which allows you to adjust your home temperature from anywhere and set different temperature schedules for various times of the day. Options like the Honeywell Home T9 Smart Thermostat's smart room sensors allow you to focus on controlling the temperature in the rooms you choose, giving you comfort where you want, when you want it.

For additional cost savings and a lowered energy demand on your community's grid, consider enrolling your thermostat in an energy savings program run by your energy provider.

Install a Water and Freeze Detector

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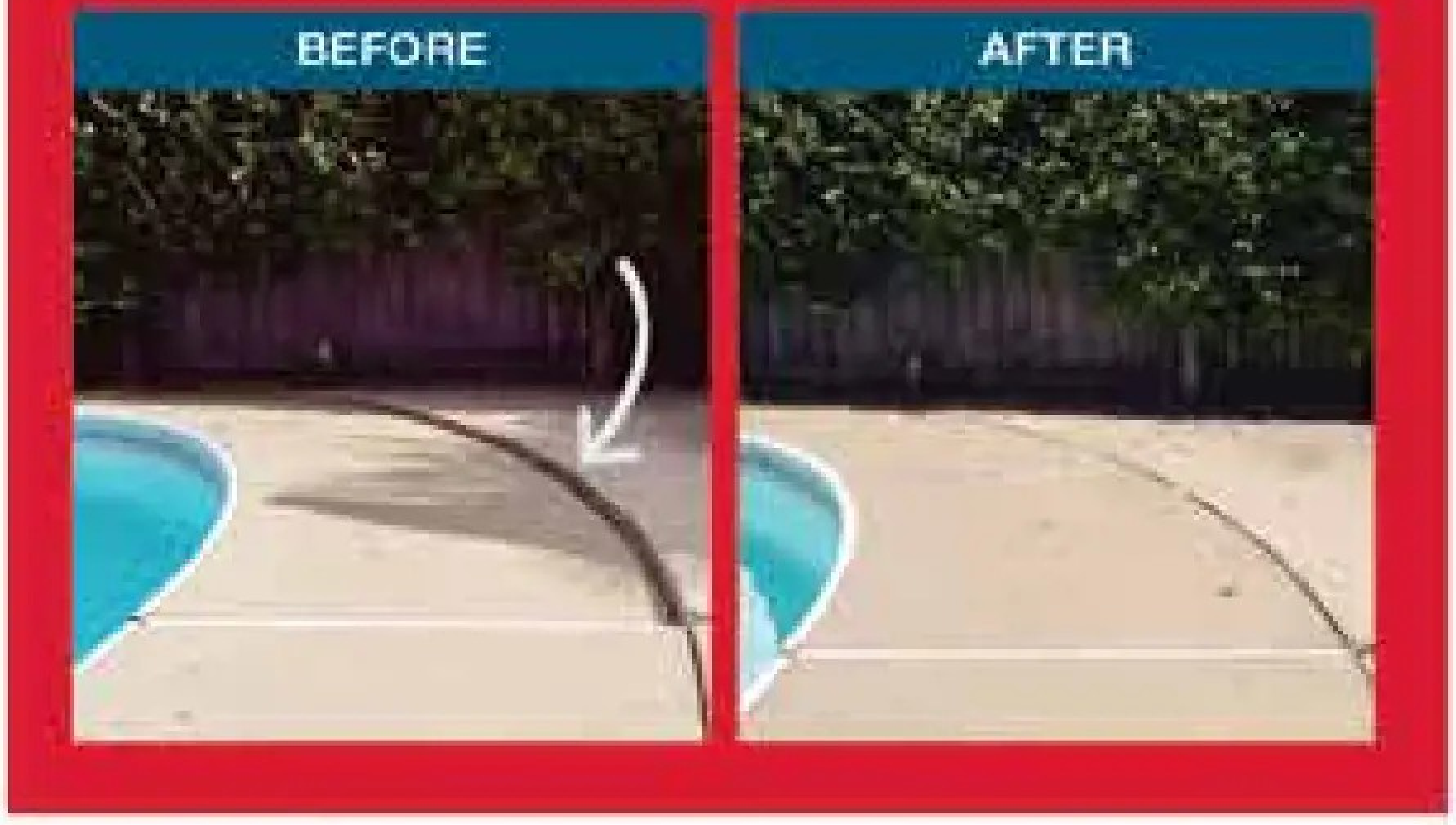

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Want to make a difference? They deliver and operate every month, even during the holidays! Basket Brigade Canada offers a variety of opportunities for families, individuals and companies to get involved! Purchase a Basket Brigade Canada T-Shirt for yourself or to give as gifts: all proceeds go to help purchase food for upcoming baskets! Considering making a donation in support of Basket Brigade Canada or volunteer your time at an upcoming event! Visit www.basketbrigadecanada.org for more information on how you can get involved and make a meaningful difference today!

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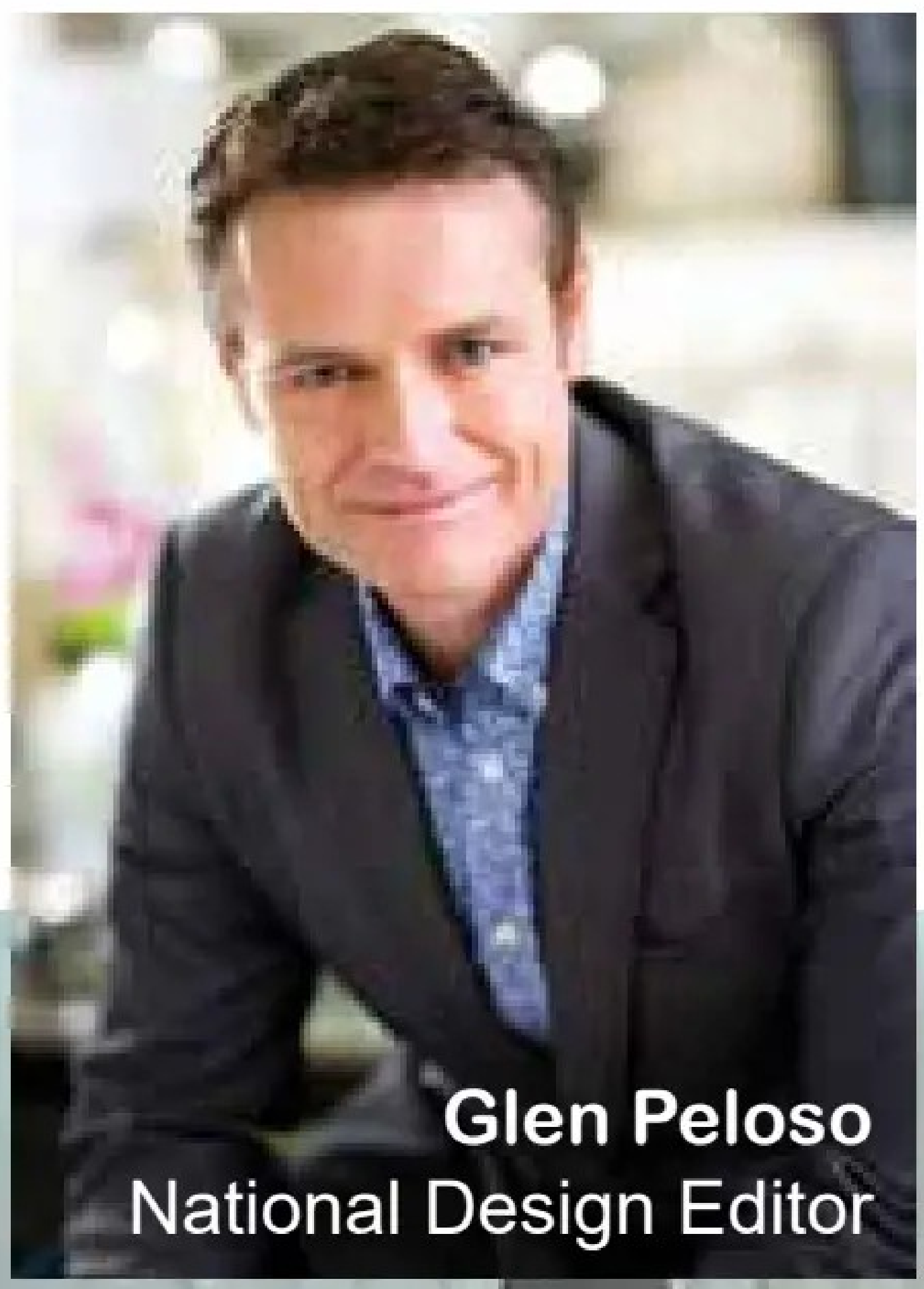
FROM THE INTERIOR DESIGN SHOW



Glen Peloso
National Design Editor

Toronto's Interior Design Show once again showcased innovation, creativity, and the future of design. This year's event blended sleek technology, organic materials, and sculptural elements shaping modern interiors.

The Future of Hotel Interiors

The Night and Day installation explored hospitality design evolution. SDI Designs and Denizens of Design created a sleek, digital-first reception, while AD Projects and WAO crafted a warm, inviting dining space. Roolout and Coolab's spa design embraced soft lighting and sculptural forms, and BDP Quadrangle's suite concept balanced luxury with comfort.

Statement Furniture

Montauk Sofa impressed with a serpentine velvet sofa in sunbaked orange-brown and sleek, weather-resistant outdoor pieces. Atruca's installation played with geometric contrast, while Ann Clifford Art transformed sketches into three-dimensional wall sculptures. Modernist Wood showcased intricate woodwork, adding warmth to contemporary spaces.

Luxury in Kitchen & Bath

House of Rohl presented elegant kitchen and bath finishes, with fluted detailing emerging as a standout trend, adding texture and sophistication.

This year's show reinforced that great design blends technology, comfort, and artistry, enhancing how we live, work, and relax.

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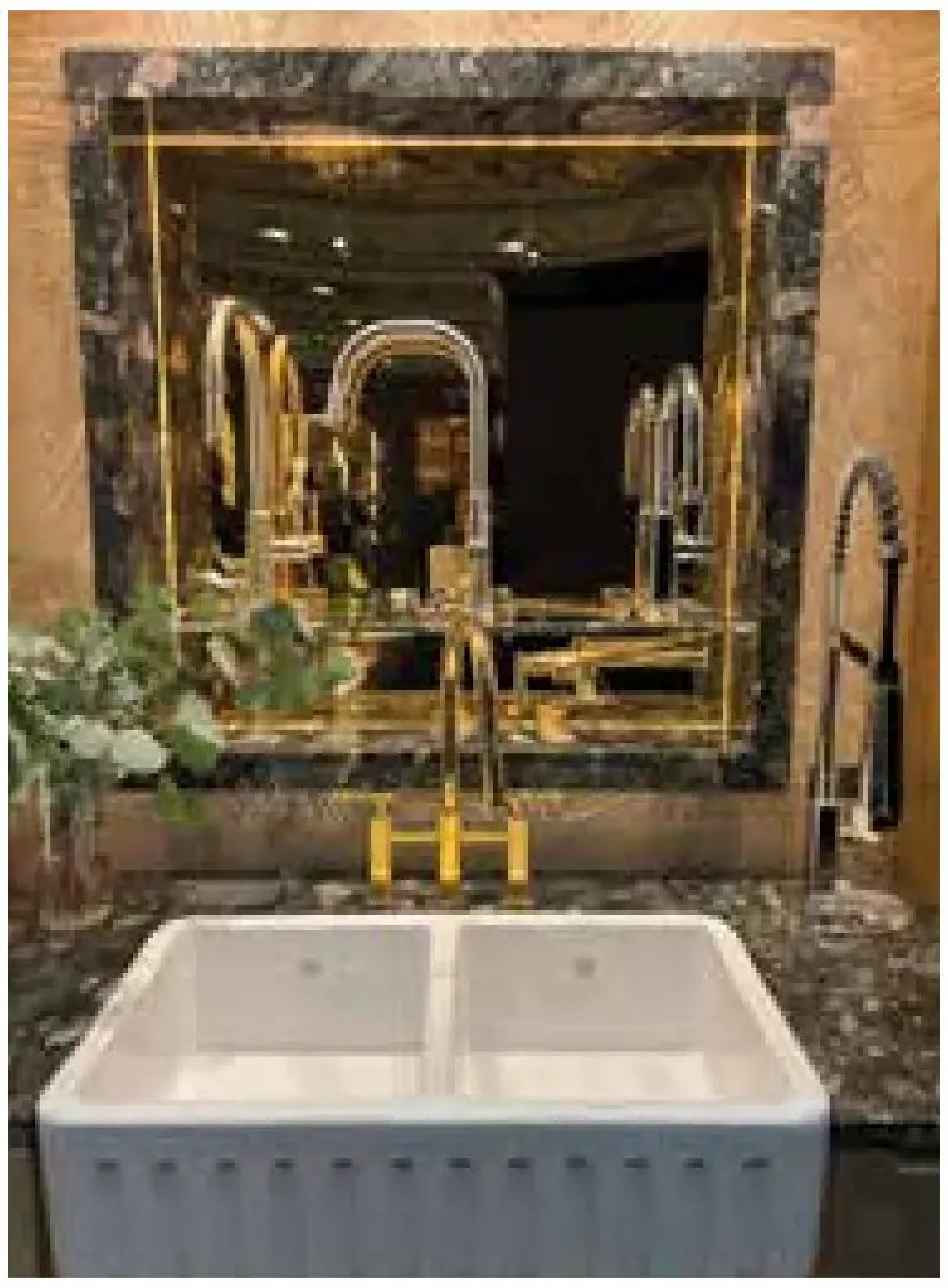

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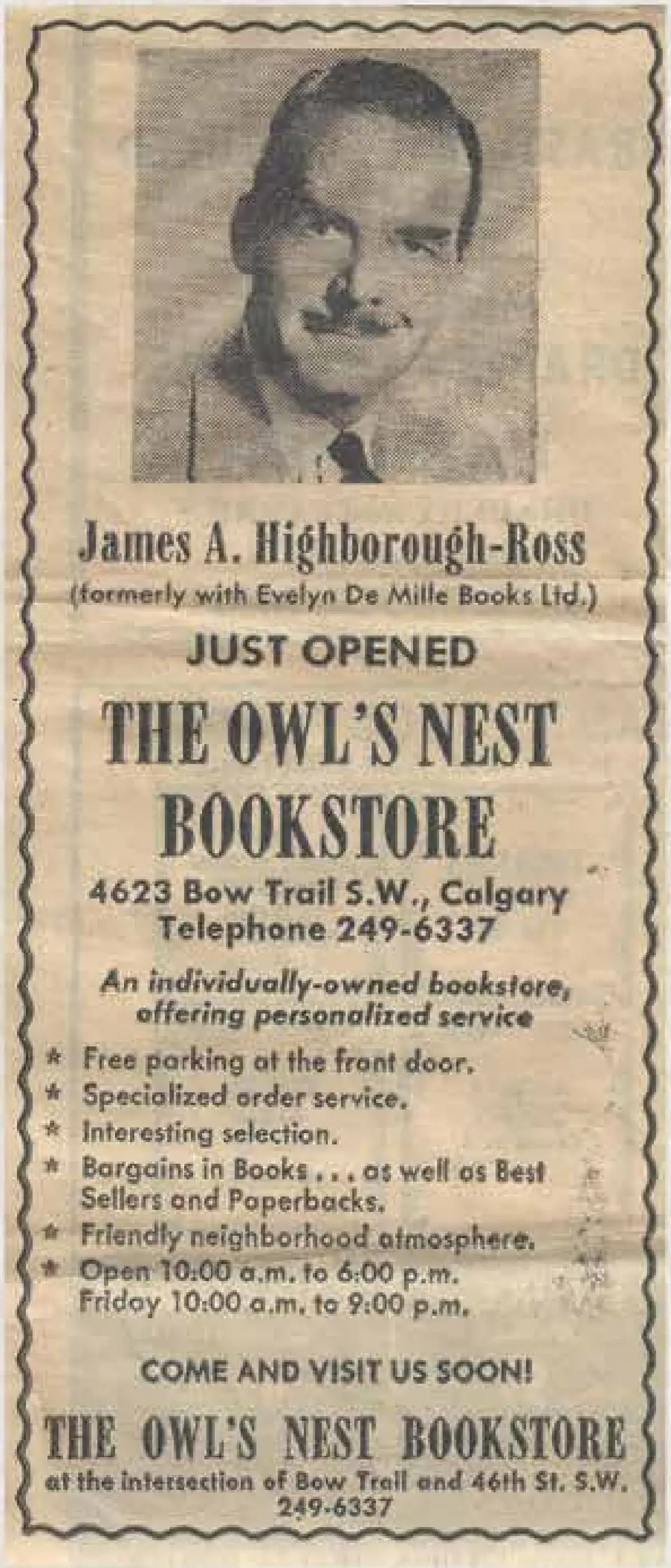

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